

The Lancaster News (SEMI-WEEKLY.)

JUANITA WYLIE, Editor

PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENT: Published Tuesdays and Fridays at Lancaster, S. C., by The Lancaster Publishing Company, successors to The Ledger, established 1852; The Review, established 1878; The Enterprise, established 1891, and entered as second-class matter Oct. 7, 1905, at the postoffice at Lancaster, S. C., under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: (In Advance.) Six Months \$1.50 One Year \$2.75

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Friday showers in west portion; Saturday showers and cooler.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1915.

When will one T. R. conclude to intern?

Remember to observe Mothers' Day next Sunday.

It looks as if Grace, in the mayoralty race, is to be left with a Hyde.

April has broken all previous records so far. She has been a showerless month.

What has become of that grand old custom of bringing the editor the first fruits of the land?

The way that steam roller has begun to roll in Charleston, it looks like "little John Grace," will be left out in the cold with "a pain in his face."

We invite correspondents from every section of the county to give us live, newsy letters as to the happenings in their communities, every week.

Where is the old-fashioned fellow that used to hang up a dead snake to make it rain? If the present dry spell continues much longer it might be well for some one to try the stunt.

When T. R. gets off the witness stand he will not head for the jungles of Africa or South America, but straight for the White House—but make sure that Woody will head him off.

Remember that next Sunday is "Mothers' Day." Join others who expect to observe it by wearing a white flower and attending divine services, as she who was the dearest friend you ever had was wont to do.

Zeb Vance Davidson defeated R. R. Hafner for mayor of Chester Tuesday by only two votes. The new mayor does not seem to have the swift running qualities of his kinsman, old Governor Zeb of North Carolina.

What has become of those pessimistic fellows who last fall predicted that cotton would not bring 5 cents this fall. It looks now as if the staple just went up in the face of their predictions just to show that they were not Solomons.

The Southern Railway, as a mark of respect to the late Col. A. B. Andrews, the only incumbent of the office of first vice president since the organization of the company, has abolished that office. Mr. Henry W. Miller has been promoted and elected vice president, resident at Atlanta, Ga.

We congratulate the school district in which the Flint Ridge school is located for the progressive spirit the people have displayed in commencing the circulation of the first petition for compulsory education in the county. Let other districts follow suit and let the slogan be "An education for every white child in Lancaster county."

Says the Salisbury Post: "For the day let the mind of men turn to the kind and gentle mother. If she be in the flesh resolve that she shall have the best that we can give, if she be dead, let the day bring her back in memory. Let brave, honest men stand uncovered—let mother have first place in their hearts, not for the day, but for all times."

Our esteemed contemporary, The Rock Hill Record, is very much concerned about a certain bridge over the Catawba river that only "pints" in one direction, and that towards Rock Hill. While we would like to help Rock Hill out, in our opinion it would not be good business judgment for "Lancaster county to put this place in first class shape, although it may cost two or three thousand dollars." Come further down the stream, contemporary, say somewhere about Landsford, and we will clean hands across the watery chasm with you.

THE REAL SECRET.

The Spartanburg Herald, in a recent editorial, stated what is a fact, that the real secret of any city's success was by the community as a whole, dwelling upon unities rather than upon its differences. Says The Herald:

"No progress was ever made through factional strife and contention between citizens or interests. All communities have their rivalries and their people are divided upon this issue, or that problem, but unless these things are vital, and few such things are, the best policy is to minimize the incidents that offer opportunities for strife and 'play up' the movements that promise co-operation and unity of action as a result of their agitation. The slightest incident may by agitation become a great row, dividing a community and causing its people to forget and neglect the essential things, that they may exercise their spite or 'even up' on their opponents.

"Atlanta, one of the remarkable cities of the South, has been built by dwelling upon its unities. Spartanburg's successes have come when the people were pulling together for a common purpose. We believe this city is also one of those that has learned this great lesson of co-operation and general support for those things that mean good for all. When the people are working together anything may be accomplished."

Another conspicuous example of what can be accomplished by a community, as one man, standing together for whatever would advance the interest of all, is the "Good Town," Rock Hill. In this little city, of say ten thousand people, (we give this number with fear and trembling lest The Record or Herald come back at us claiming more) there may be minor differences among them, but the outside world knows nothing about it. Apparently to outsiders the people over there have but one single purpose, and that is that Rock Hill shall get everything in sight—and they generally get it. We are proud to say that there was a time, in the past, when Lancaster, because of individual and business rivalries, was non-progressive, like Chester, Forkville and Wigginsboro, but we are glad to say that we have parted company with these slow places and have gone up into Rock Hill's class, where we expect to remain.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

We happen to know that there are numbers of farmers north and east and south of Lancaster that do their trading as a general rule at other towns. This trade should come to Lancaster. What inducements are our business men offering to bring it here? The Salisbury Post, in calling this same matter to the attention of its community, asks the question, "How much trade that ought to have been coming to Salisbury during the past quarter of a century is going somewhere else, and how did it happen to ever get going to some other point?"

We propound the same question to our people. It would be hard to estimate in dollars and cents what the merchants of Lancaster lost in trade last winter on account of the horrible condition of the roads leading into the town. Heath Springs, Monroe and Waxhaw got most of it. Good roads, convenient railroad schedules, "trade inducements" and other "trade bringers," as The Post puts it, will do the work. Now is the time to begin a missionary movement to bring back all of the "back sliders," who have wandered away from Lancaster.

IT WILL FOOL YOU.

No one, however wise he may think himself or herself, can tell what cotton will do. When you think it is going up, it is just as likely to go down and vice versa. The Southern Textile Bulletin, a mill organ, says: "Again we have ten-cent cotton and many mills are having to pay more than ten cents per pound for their supply. In spite of the fact that the crop we are now using exceeded in size all previous crops and in spite of the fact that great cotton consuming countries are engaged in a deadly war, we have seen the price of cotton steadily advance to the ten-cent price. We have long ago learned that no man can tell what cotton is going to do. You may study the records of the past and may wear out numerous pencils determining from statistics what will happen to the price and about the time you have determined that it must go down it takes a turn and starts upward. It may sound foolish but it is an absolute fact as demonstrated by past experience that a flip of a coin is as good a basis upon which to buy or sell as the most complete statistics that can be compiled. The only exceptions to this are times when cotton is considerably below cost of production as was the case in November and December."

MODULATING THE VOICE.

Training the voices of children is something which should command the attention of parents, as well as teachers. If taken in time almost any child can be trained to speak in natural tones. How few children have sweet musical voices. How often the good effect of a speech or a sermon is marred by the speaker talking through his nose or in a harsh, rasping voice, or scarcely above a whisper.

The Rainier (Oregon Review says "it is commonly admitted that the American voice is better calculated to drive a herd of hogs to pasture than to engage in after dinner conversation." Further commenting on this matter, The Review says: "A rough, rasping voice is an injury to business success. It gives an impression of coarseness and arrogance. Successful men like to carry on important conversation in a low tone.

"The world is full of listening and greedy ears. Overheard remarks spread prejudice, and upset business dealings. Yet some of our breezy salesmen will blow into a business office like a zero blast from cold Medicine Hat, and shout so loud that the clerks can hear through the thin partitions.

"For women a loud twangy voice is an effective bar to society. The voice has infinite capacities for musical tone, and women who fail to cultivate it miss one of the most winning charms of their sex.

"Some people overdo their vocal repression, and cultivate a too low tone that is scarcely to be heard. They whisper their way through the world to the straining ears of their friends.

"Public school teachers may well study the modulation of voices, and correct both pupils who mumble their words, and those who use in conversation the tone that would be suitable if your house were afire."

SERVICES NOT APPRECIATED.

Unquestionably about the poorest paid profession of all is that of the school teacher. The Augusta Chronicle points out the pitiable amount the teachers get in Kentucky. Says The Chronicle:

"Figures have been compiled by Norman Frost, of Berea College, Ky., on the average salaries of school teachers in the rural regions of the Blue Grass State. They have been issued in a recent report of the federal bureau of education.

"In one mountain county of Kentucky the average salaries run from \$220 up to \$240 a year. In seven counties the average is from \$240 to \$260. From this they run along up one liberal county which pays from \$360 to \$380, this being the upward limit.

"The average value of school buildings in the Kentucky mountain region, says the report, is correspondingly low. In one county the average value of school buildings is less than \$100. Some of them are of the log cabin variety with unglazed windows. In eight counties the value is from \$200 to \$300. This runs up to one county whose luxurious school house cost the whole of \$900.

"A fair average, then, of the salary of the rural school teacher in Kentucky is \$280—less than \$25 per month to live on throughout the year. The average cost of the school building is slightly over \$400.

"The wage of the hired man who looks after the horses and feeds the pigs is a good deal more than that. The average cost of barns is at least as high as that of schools. Barns and hired men are paid for by single farmers, schools and teachers by groups."

Whilst conditions are not quite so bad in this state, still there is vast room for improvement.

Negro Brought Back.

A negro from Kershaw county, who last year obtained goods by false pretense from the Enterprise Mercantile Company at Heath Springs, was brought from Wadesboro, N. C., through the country by automobile by Sheriff John P. Hunter Tuesday morning and lodged in jail. Since leaving the state he has been living on the plantation of Mr. H. W. Little, a prosperous farmer living near Wadesboro. Sheriff Hunter, accompanied by Mr. G. M. Plyler and Mr. Boswell Plyler, went to Wadesboro Tuesday afternoon in Mr. Plyler's car. The sheriff says the roads were good all the way and that they did not have a single hitch on the trip. After arriving here the sheriff was instrumental in bringing about a settlement of the case, which will save the county the cost and expense of a trial. The negro has gone back to Wadesboro, where it is hoped he will profit by his experience.

Memorial Day.

The regular memorial day exercises will be held, as usual, Monday next, the 10th instant, at 4:30 p. m., in the Central graded school building. The address will be delivered by Hon. Thomas F. McDow of the Yorkville bar. After the exercises, which will consist of instrumental music and appropriate songs, the graves of the Confederate dead in both cemeteries will be decorated. The public generally, especially all citizens of the county, are cordially invited to attend.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at Lancaster, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business, May 1, 1915.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and Total. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Capital stock paid in, and various deposits.

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. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1915. JOHN CRAWFORD, Notary Public. CORRECT—ATTEST: R. E. Wylie, Jno. A. Cook, W. F. Laney, Chas. D. Jonas, Directors.

FIELD DAY EXPENSES.

Table of expenses for Field Day, including items like Penant and registration book, Roping, Balance expense for 800 contestants and teachers, etc.

CONTRIBUTORS.

Table of contributors and amounts, including items like By schools previously acknowledged, Cane Creek, Dixie, Ferguson, etc.

Total \$177.71. We thank each one for their kind help in making our last Field Day a success, and especially do we thank you for the above contributions, for with a year like this it has been with more or less sacrifice. Respectfully, V. A. LINGLE, County Supt of Education.

Teeth to be Examined. Superintendent C. E. Wessinger has arranged with the dentists of the town, Drs. J. E. Rutledge, C. B. Pratt and E. J. Hinson, to examine the teeth of the children of the graded school one day next week. This service of our dentists is to be given gratis.

Sold

This space has been sold to one of our most up-to-date grocers, who will state one dozen reasons why he merits your business.

Watch It

Won by a Neck!

We're winners every time when it comes to collars and a hundred other things men wear.

We not only carry the best grade of collars, but we have in stock all desirable sizes and latest styles.

We advertise honestly. Our business is growing. Let us serve you.



J. T. WYLIE CO.