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Ever notice that warm friends are more plentiful in summer than in winter?

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to know how pot-licker tasted?

We won't have many weeks to wait now for the appearance of the June college graduates—and the June brides.

The smile that won't come off isn't worth so much. It is the smile you pass along to others that is of real value to humanity.

The farmer equipped with hog and hominy is not going to suffer from the war like his less fortunate brothers.

A semi-weekly newspaper hardly dares to write an editorial dealing with the war situation. Before the time arrives for printing it the situation has usually changed entirely.

Gaffney and Cherokee county have discovered that the Revolutionary war is concluded and will today unveil a monument to a Revolutionary hero.

We never felt any great admiration for Col. Theodore Roosevelt but if the doughty warrior is allowed to get into the war we expect to hear from him.

One thing we want to see after the National Guard is called out is Col. Wigfall Cheatham mounted on a fiery steed and riding at the head of his command.

Its about time for us to begin saving every possible penny if we are going to eat one meal at that new Spartanburg hotel during the May Music Festival.

If there is any danger of a German submarine appearing off the South Carolina coast any time soon, we favor moving the June meeting of the Press Association away from Beaufort.

The York News makes the statement that many people don't like newspaper editors. The average editor makes that discovery about the second day that he stays in the business, but if everybody liked him he would be a miserable excuse for an editor or anything else.

We received an invitation the other day to make a short visit to a friend in a neighboring town and we meant to go until we found out that Harold Booker was to be present. He has said so many harsh

A WISE PRECAUTION

We wish to very heartily commend the municipal authorities of Lancaster for their action in placing a traffic policeman at the corner of Main and Gay streets. The city authorities have given sufficient warning to the people of the city and county that they must regard the traffic laws of Lancaster and we believe that from now the matter will be better managed. Automobile owners driving cars with a reckless disregard for human life and safety deserve to be punished as severely as the law will permit. Many people appear to be almost indifferent as to the rights of a pedestrian and some appear even anxious to run down a man.

We understand that the city authorities will hereafter see to it that all those disregarding the speed laws and those disregarding the "drive to the right" provision will be arrested. While we have no desire to see any innocent people persecuted, we believe if the laws are strictly enforced that there will be numerous arrests within the next few weeks.

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S DAY.

Governor Richard I. Manning has designed next Wednesday, April 11, as Naval Recruiting Day for South Carolina. In a letter to the local postmaster the Governor urges that every effort be put forth to secure recruits on that day, so as to bring the South Carolina naval force up to full strength. The Governor says that Lancaster county's share of the recruits is only 15. It is confidently predicted that it will be comparatively easy to secure that number from all the county.

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THE NEGRO AND THE WAR.

We have heard considerable talk about what will be the attitude of the negro when the call comes for volunteers to the United States. Some white people appear to think that this will be quite a problem, but in our opinion the matter will be settled by the negro going to war along with the white men. When the call comes, the negro will be eligible for duty just the same as the white man and when conscription comes, if it ever does, the negro will also be conscripted.

As a matter of fact a good many negroes in South Carolina are willing to go decidedly quicker than a number of white men and we have heard that the hundreds of negroes in the United States army during the war with Spain did some splendid fighting.

We hardly think that the negro problem will be a serious one.

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FOR SOIL IMPROVEMENT.

Those in charge of the meeting held here last Saturday to discuss the soy bean were keenly disappointed over the fact that Lancaster county planters did not appear to be interested. Possibly the farmer does not believe that the soy bean is of any great value in this section, and not being a farmer ourselves, we are not prepared to say that it is, but if we are take the advice of the demonstration agents and the farm experts, then we must conclude that the bean would be a wonderful thing for Lancaster county if our farmers would take hold of it.

When properly used, soy beans have great value for soil improving purposes. Of course, it is necessary for the beans to be inoculated if they are to gather nitrogen from the air to store it in the soil when the crop is plowed under. If the crop is grown and everything is skinned off the soil, as is sometimes done with this crop and other leguminous crops, it cannot be expected that there will be any improvement from the growing of soy beans on the land. The bean vines, ton for ton, turned back into the soil will add about the same amount of humus and nitrogen, that is added by such other leguminous crops as cowpeas, vetch and clovers.

It has been estimated that the fertilizing value contained in a crop of soy beans plowed into the soil, in the green state, would add to the soil fertilizing constituents to the value of about \$2.50 per ton. As 6 to 10 tons of this green material should be produced per acre, it can be appreciated what value a good crop turned back into the soil would have.

No phosphoric acid or potash would be added, when the crop is turned, other than what was taken from the soil by the crop. The only materials added would be organic matter and nitrogenous compounds which will decompose in the soil and provide nitrogen in available form for the crops that are to follow the soy beans.

It is of interest to know that approximately 80 per cent of the total fertilizing value of a crop of soy beans plowed into the soil would be due to the nitrogen which they contain. When soy beans are properly inoculated with suitable bacteria to form nodules on the roots of the plants it would be expected that about 2-3 to 3-4 of the nitrogen contained in the plants would have been taken from the atmosphere by the bacteria operating in these nodules.

Soy beans should be used in a rational system of crop rotation,

What Others Say

We Make a Bow.
Watson Bell is ringing the bull's eye with almost every shot he makes in The Lancaster News these days.—Gaffney Ledger.

You Are Learning Something.
We see where a guard has been asked for some property in Lancaster during the war. We didn't know there was anything in Lancaster worth guarding.—Spartanburg Journal.

The Same Here.
If any man sees fit to fall out with us because of our good, old-fashioned genuine, dyed-in-the-wool Americanism he is entitled to all the satisfaction he can get out of his anger or hard feelings.—Alken Standard.

And Not Triplets?
The Greenville Piedmont publishes a headline, "Household Blessed With Twins Twice." Where do you get that "blessed?"—Lancaster News. The blessing is that it was the other fellow's household.—Greenville Piedmont.

Unusually Modest.
Roosevelt is unusually modest. He has only asked for authority to raise and lead a division. Still it is pretty generally understood that he is perfectly willing to relieve Wilson of his job as commander-in-chief of this republic's land and naval forces.—Greenville Piedmont.

Taxes For Education.
Sometimes we are tempted to think that maybe the state and the counties and the school districts are taxing themselves too high, and that the legislature is appropriating too much money for the education of the people. Then we turn to that great poem written by Edwin Markham nearly thirty years ago, "The Man with the Hoe," and read it again—and are ready to vote more money for popular education.—Newberry Observer.

Astounding Figures.
In The Lancaster News we saw the astounding statement that crime increases at the rate of 300 per cent every ten years. We figured it out that, if this were true and there were only one criminal in the world today, at the end of two centuries there would be 4,215,784,401 criminals.—Greenville Piedmont.

Safety First.
The Supreme Court is to be asked to decide whether women are people. Here's a question in answering which the learned justice had better be pretty circumspect.—News and Courier.

True of Any State.
The Macon News is of the opinion that if Alabama could get a legislature in which every man pledges himself not to be a candidate for public office for the next six years, it would have the best legislature in its history. That is true of Georgia, or South Carolina or any other State in the union.—Greenville Piedmont.

Nor Can We.
We can't bring ourselves to believe that Kaiser William was not the inspiration of the great war in Europe—that he planned and built with feverish industry until he got Germany on a military footing far superior to that of her antagonists, and then deliberately let loose the cataclysm—and hope that in the final wind-up he and his coadjutors will get their full dues.—Chester Reporter.

Rabbit Tobacco For Us.
It is reported that Germany is short on tobacco and that the cigars on sale are filled with substitutes which do not appeal to the Teutonic taste. Of course, Germany cannot use cabbage leaves, neither could we in America at the present price of that imperial vegetable, but there must be some old grape vines left in the kaiser's dominion and rabbit tobacco also grows there.—Spartanburg Herald.

Tell the Reason Why?
"The Cheraw Chronicle prints an editorial, 'What Do You Think of Our Town.' Ed DeCamp spent a day there once and we are very anxious to know just what Old Man Ed does think of 'Charming Cheraw.'"—Lancaster News. Charming place, my dear Watson, charming place. You must bear in mind the congressman from the Fifth District resides in Cheraw, and if he is as loyal to his own home town as he ought to be it's unfair in you to insinuate that we would say aught concerning "Charming Cheraw."—Gaffney Ledger.

Our Scrap Basket

How easy it is to tell others it's no use to worry!

Even a good physician may go from bad to worse.

Sufferers who attempt to drown sorrow merely irrigate it.

It's better to have a poor opinion than to have none at all.

The charitable man never has to wait long for a chance to get busy.

No woman with a diamond necklace is afraid of getting a sore throat.

In the various walks of life some people have a walkover and others are walked upon.

There's one peculiarity about women—the more a man knows about them the more he has to learn.

A little truth goes a long way—but it needn't be stretched.

During the big February snow storm in the northwestern states, an Iowa paper said: "It is reported that a Northwestern train arrived on time, but it was pulled in by a Ford."

A woman this week was heard to remark that while there was not much poultry on the market there is plenty of dear meat.

Thomas A. Edison defines genius as two per cent, inspiration and ninety-eight per cent, perspiration.

Never court a girl whose father is a pessimist, for he always has a kick coming.

No matter how loose the ring may be, the diamond never slips around out of sight on a girl's finger.

Any time you want to buy an antique—something that was in vogue fifty years ago, just visit the non-advertiser and no doubt you will find the very article you want. Nothing preserves a merchant's stock so well as the non-use of printer's ink.

Unique Grocery.
A news dispatch from Iola, Kans., says: The successful operation here of a grocery and provision market on a new plan has resulted in reducing the high cost of living for its patrons. The market is called the "Basket Store," and there is neither clerk, cashier, nor delivery man. The proprietor alone conducts the place. Patrons are furnished a market basket free and are admitted to spacious aisles which wind along between rows of shelves and tables loaded with provisions through a turnstile. All goods are priced in plain figures and as the patron passes along he selects the article he desires to purchase. All aisles lead to the exit turnstile, where the proprietor, presiding at the cash register, checks the articles in the patron's basket, collects the amount due, and releases the patron. By eliminating the credit and delivery system, clerks and cashiers, the owner reduces his selling cost, and passes the saving on to the public. Not only does the proprietor save in cost of operation, but he declares he does a greater volume of business daily than under the old method. "People know from experience and advertising just what they want," he says, "and wait on themselves much more rapidly than clerks."

Chicken a la King.
Melt a tablespoonful of butter in a pan, add a pepper chopped in squares and one or more mushrooms. Stir and cook four minutes, add two level tablespoonfuls of flour and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Cook until frothy, then add one pint of cream and stir until it thickens. Set over hot water. Add three cups of cooked chicken and let stand to be very hot. In the meantime cream the fifth of a cup of butter, beat into it the yolks of three eggs, a tablespoonful of lemon juice and a teaspoonful of paprika. Stir this mixture into the hot chicken until the egg thickens. This will serve six people liberally.

This Is a Joke.
"And when you threatened to scream did he stop kissing you?"

Here and There

The doctor told him he needed carbohydrates, proteids and, above all, something nitrogenous. The doctor mentioned a long list of foods for him to eat. He staggered out and wobbled into a restaurant.

"How about beefsteak?" he asked the waiter. "Is that nitrogenous?"

The waiter didn't know.

"Are fried potatoes rich in carbohydrates or, not?"

The waiter couldn't say.

"Well, I'll fix it," declared the poor man in despair. "Bring me a large plate of hash."

Power of The Press.

No public speaker, be he preacher or political orator, can draw an audience of one-tenth that which greets the average newspaper today, and thus the tone of the press becomes a matter of vital importance to the welfare of the community. The influence is wide-spread and is also lasting. Therefore, we say, study well the contents of the newspaper you are taking and if it contains that which tends to lower the scale of morality and humanity and not to the elevation of that which is good and right better off you are by far without it.—Exchange.

Cornish Cutlets.

Trim slices of cold lamb into pieces of the same shape and size; sprinkle them with salt, pepper and a few drops of tomato catsup. Have ready some well-seasoned, hot, mashed potatoes into which two yolks of egg have been beaten. Cover each slice of meat with the potato and make the surface smooth with a knife. Dip in a beaten egg, fluted with three or four tablespoonfuls of milk and water; cover with sifted bread crumbs and fry in deep fat.

Service.

You don't make money "in business" today (in business merely), but in business plus "service," and the service is the chief element of business, to growing degree. It is everywhere being recognized as a necessity of life and growth toward success.

The printer seems to be among the tail-enders in getting this service idea through his head, and in the adoption of such modern methods as include it as a central principle.

"Any old thing" won't do. "The price to fit the customer" won't do. "Get the money anyway" isn't a wise motto. Give the customer just what he wants; at the right price for what he gets. Nothing else of business policy is good policy.

Take care of the customer's interest and the seller's interest will thereby also be taken care of.

All widows are sweet. They get that way from the necessity they have been under to develop an angelic disposition.

Young folks going to school may learn altogether too much about some things.

The good die young—and most of us prefer to be live ones.

A person who is a leader in a small town is awfully disappointed when he moves to a big one.

When girls see a man who looks like a sure thing, they are willing to take a gambler's chance.

When you find a man who practices what he preaches, he usually is one who doesn't waste words.

If a person can't look you in the eye you have him going, but be sure of your own eye before you start anything.

A salted mine is fixed up to catch the fresh ones.

A man seldom notices that wifey has cleaned the house all up, washed the windows and waxed the floors, but you're darn whistling he notices it if she doesn't.

It's hard for a man to play a game of "cinch" with the children with the same zest that he does a game of "draw" at the club.

If in heaven we can know everything that is going on down here, a lot of us are going to be made unhappy to notice how little we are missed.

How foolish we would feel sometimes if we only knew that those we are telling something to really knew the truth of the whole business.

The time to be sorry about something you've done is before you do it.

Telephones are a nuisance in some ways. It isn't as easy to explain direct to wifey why you are detained down town as it is to send a note—besides when you get home you are not certain that she hasn't called up and has found out that you weren't where you are going to say you were.