

H. H. Evans Indicted.

H. H. Evans has been indicted in his hometown for accepting dispensary graft. The Grand Jury has found true bills and the case will be tried.

A Miss Clark, of Atlanta, who has been bedridden for 28 years and an inmate of the Hospital for Incurables is suddenly and rapidly recovering from some trouble that has baffled the physicians. The Journal says:

Dr. S. A. Visanska, one of the founders of the Home for the Incurables, who has done more than any one man to make it the wonderful success it is, in speaking of Miss Clark, said:

"I see no reason why she should not recover her health. She is now able to walk about the place and her spirits are excellent. None of us know what her many years in bed was caused by; nor do we know what caused her recovery. She has taken little or no medicine and she had no functional disorder. It is one of those cases which baffle medical science."

Dr. Sam Visanska and Dr. Payson Kennedy are Abbeville's contribution to the Atlanta medical fraternity. These gentlemen stand at the very head of their profession. They are ornaments to their profession and an honor to their native country. Abbeville men! They lead everywhere.

A New Automobile Battery.

Thos. A. Edison, it will be remembered was down in North Carolina a few years ago looking into the supply of nickel and cobalt in that state preparatory to producing a new and better storage battery for automobiles.

It is now currently reported that he has succeeded and that his invention will revolutionize the automobile industry. The old battery was made of lead and was thus too heavy for practical uses. The present battery is made of iron and nickel and caustic potash, and is just half the weight of the former battery. Thus not only is the load of the machine lightened but the machine itself may be made lighter when equipped with the new battery.

Electricity is the cheapest juice on earth, and should the cost of the new batteries be within reach, we may look for a revolution in the automobile industry. With the electric noise is reduced to the minimum, the electric does not get out of fix like the gasoline engine. The electric is cleaner, neater, and lasts just as long or longer than the gas engine.

Cotton Bulls Prosecuted.

There seems to be something doing in the alleged cotton pool matter, just now. The grand jury of New York City has handed out true bills against Patton, Seales, Brown and others, as having formed a pool in restraint of trade; which being interpreted means that these men are being prosecuted for catching a lot of "bears," whose manipulations have cursed the Southland from time immemorial.

The fight promises to wax warm. Cotton mill men who have bought their cotton at the higher price, and who naturally resent the effort of the government to depress the value of their holdings, notably Lewis W. Parker and John M. Law, are hitting back vigorously.

Mr. Law in an article in the State of June the 18th hands out some pretty plain talk.

Senator E. D. Smith in the Senate and Representative Aiken in the house handed out some vigorous language, to the government authorities, on this subject last week. If Attorney General Wickersham cares for public opinion, he will find that he has caught a live wire before he has finished with this effort to depress the price of cotton.

As a preface to his remarks on the cotton prosecution, Mr. Aiken took occasion to denounce as false a statement made by Representative Howland of Ohio, to the effect that the South Carolina Delegation had voted for protection. It seems Mr. Howland would not permit himself to be interrupted the day before and so Mr. Aiken hit him the first opportunity he had, which was in his speech on the alleged cotton pool business, the next day.

Both Mr. Aiken's speech and Senator Smith's short jab at the administration appear in this issue.

It is well that our representatives are awake on this subject, for if the great power of the United States Government may be used to control fluctuations in the cotton market, and it is used as it seems to be only to keep the price down, the producers had best go out of business.

Of all the high handed measures of which the central government has been guilty, this seems to be the limit.

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Unusual Distinction.

Joel Blackwell of Donalds is 90 years old. He is "as spry as a boy of 19," according to our veracious Donalds correspondent, and he boasts that he never owned an umbrella, an overcoat or a pair of gloves, and that he has never worn out the seat of a pair of trousers. This latter is a distinction to be proud of and we have an idea that it is a distinction that very few men enjoy.—Anderson Mail.

Uncle Joe to Take The Stump.

Joseph G. Cannon has decided to make an extensive speaking tour in the coming campaign. He made this known in the course of a conversation with friends. Uncle Joe said he had not decided just where he would visit, but he would go to a good many of them and do all in his power to bring about the election of a republican house.

If accepted all the invitations that have been extended to me," said speaker Cannon "I would be on the move for at least six months. I have had no time to make up my itinerary. I shall do so after I return to Danville upon the adjournment of congress."

That Uncle Joe is in a happy frame of mind and optimistic over the future is shown by his manner. He perked up wonderfully over the victory of the standpatters in Iowa and almost hugged Representative Walter L. Smith, who won out in the ninth Iowa district over the Cummins forces, when that fighting character returned to Washington.

In the coming campaign Mr. Cannon will speak under the direction of the republican congressional committee. He will be put on a special car and sent out where it is believed he can do the most good. It is not believed here that the speaker will invade any of the insurgent districts. He may visit certain states such as Iowa and Minnesota where there are a district or two that have stood by the regulars in the midst of a bunch of insurgent districts. Uncle Joe intends to preach straight out orthodox republican doctrine. He will speak largely on the tariff, defending the Payne-Aldrich act and defying those who have criticised it.

Press Excursion.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Press Association was a most pleasant and profitable one. The Association met according to schedule at Glenn's Springs on Monday, the 13th, instant with about two hundred newspaper people in attendance.

Interesting papers were read and instructive talks made on many phases of the newspaper work. Especial mention should be made of the talk made by Mr. Poe of the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Poe took for his subject the development of North and South Carolina. The burden of his talk was education. The only way to develop our country with its material resources is to develop the human resources. The speech was a plain practical talk, and was listened to with pleasure and profit by every member of the Association.

It was intended that the Association be given an automobile ride from Glenn's to Spartanburg via Cedar Springs, but owing to the rains this project was abandoned. On Wednesday afternoon, however, the Association went to Spartanburg via the Glenn Spring's Railway and was taken in automobiles to Cedar Springs.

AT CEDAR SPRINGS.

Many members of the Press Association had never paid a visit to this State institution for the education of the deaf and the blind, and to such this visit was a revelation.

On arrival the visitors were taken to the auditorium of the institution where a printed program was handed each.

The Association was greeted by an Anthem—"Gloria in Excelsis"—sung by the blind pupils. It would be a difficult matter to find a class that could sing with the same volume, rhythm, and perfect time as does this class of blind pupils.

Class demonstration work was then taken up in order to show the editors how the blind children are taught.

FORMER ABBEVILLE BOY RECITES.

All know that the blind read by means of raised letters, but all do not know that they can make these raised letters and thus write whatever they wish. By means of a small instrument they are enabled to make any character in our alphabet in raised letters. A pupil wrote from dictation, and this was read by another pupil, and typewritten by another showing with what facility the blind can express thought in permanent form. One wonderful demonstration was the statement and proof of an abstruse proposition in Geometry by Bemus Jones, formerly of this city. The facility and correctness with which he rendered his proof would do credit to an older pupil endowed with every sense. The pupil gets a mental picture of the figure with all its points and lines and then proceed with the proof just as any other pupils would.

Exercise with the deaf and blind is just as necessary as it is with others, and even more so. A demonstration in pyramid building with the deaf pupils showed wonderful agility and strength. At a given sign they rushed into form, one above and on the shoulders of the other in pyramid form just as do acrobats in our circuses. The demonstration was worth seeing.

Gymnasium work of the deaf girls was also an interesting sight to witness. The butterfly dance was given by them and strange to say, to music. Of course the music was only for the benefit of the audience. The girls were directed in their movements by signs made by the teacher. Their movements were just as rythmical as those in a similar exercise at any other school. The editors were so pleased with the demonstrations that they frequently applauded the children. Applauding the deaf would seem to be wasted energy but they understand what is meant through the sense of sight.

BLIND AND DEAF.

There is at the institution one pupil that is blind and deaf. Dewey Cantrell, a child of ten or twelve years, who lives in a world of utter darkness and utter silence. He is totally blind and totally deaf. How it is possible to kindle the spark of intelligence and fan it to a flame in such a case is something difficult to understand. And yet it has been done. This child can talk rapidly with his fingers. The beginning was most difficult. His teachers said that it was necessary to make him do without several neals in order to teach him the one little word "eat," which was the first that he learned to spell on his fingers.

SINGING BY SIGNS.

Another strange sight afforded the editors in this demonstration work was the singing of the deaf mutes. They sang by signs the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldier." At the same time it was also sung by a class of blind pupils, so that hearing the words and seeing the signs at one and the same time the observer could see the analogy between words and signs. Paradoxical as it may seem, the deaf sing at Cedar Springs. The Superintendent of the institution, Prof. Walker, made an address to the editors which was simultaneously translated to the dumb by his son who is a teacher in the institution. To this address Mr. August Kohn, President of the Association, replied. The reply was also translated to the deaf through the medium of the fingers.

AT SPARTANBURG.

A reception was given the editors on their return to Spartanburg in the beautiful halls of Converse. The address of welcome was made by Dr. Snyder, while the members of the Association regaled themselves on dainty salads and coffee. After the address of welcome, the editors were taken to the auditorium where one of the largest pipe organs in the whole land is located. Here the members were treated to a concert.

On Wednesday evening those of the editors who took in the excursion went aboard the sleeping cars which had been provided for them and which awaited them at the depot. Seven sleepers and dining cars made up the train.

OFF FOR JOHNSON CITY.

Thursday morning the party left for the C. C. and O. road for the Clinchfield Coal Fields.

This road has just been finished from Spartanburg to Dante, (pronounced "dant"), a distance of over two hundred miles.

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to Alta Pass, the highest point on the road. To reach this elevation the road makes windings, tunnels, evolutions, loops and leaps which are unsurpassed in twentieth century railroad construction. From the train the sight of the great mountain, dotted with blooming azaleas and Rhododendras, towering thousands of feet into the air, is inspiring.

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After leaving South Carolina no cotton plant is to be seen along the line of this road, but at this season of the year the wheat fields golden in its ripened state make a picture that rivals the beauty of the opened cotton. Wheat, corn and oats, are in evidence every where.

Every few miles an old "over shot" water mill greets the eye and adds a quaint picturesqueness to the mountain scenery. The people along the line are not yet accustomed to the unusual sight of a train of Pullmans, and everywhere they stop to gaze. At every station, flat cars are seen loaded with poplar logs showing that the forests are beginning already to be denuded of their finest trees. Saw mills played a prominent part.

The homes along the route are on the whole much better than one would expect to see. In some instances the homes are bare shelters, and hardly that. Along the right of way contractors had built houses for their men and covered them with paper, and in one instance a mountaineer had left his log house and had taken his abode in the paper-covered cabin left by the contractors.

One striking characteristic of this Western North Carolina county is that the traveler sees no land lying idle. Every piece of arable land is being cultivated. It would be a source of a musement to the Abbeville county farmers to see some of the hillslides that are cultivated by the mountaineers. In many places the land is so steep that it is impossible to plow it with a hoe. In some instances it is difficult to see how he gets into his field without the aid of a ladder.

In approaching Alta Pass from the south a sight of one of the finest pieces of railroad construction in the land is afforded the excursionist. This slope is so steep that in order to maintain a low grade over come, in a direct distance of 46 miles a height of 1300 feet, it has been necessary to wind the road for a distance of over 20 miles in and out among the peaks, thru tunnels and over ridges. Seven passes are necessary in forming the loops and seventeen tunnels in so many miles.

From here may be seen Mount Mitchell, named after Dr. Mitchell who lost his life climbing it and who is buried on it; Clingmans Dome, Hawk Bill, Table Rock, and many others. Mount Mitchell is the peak east of the Rockies. Here the construction of the road cost \$195,000 per mile for a distance of 20 miles. The average cost of the entire road per mile was over \$100,000.

THE HIGHEST POINT.

On reaching Alta Pass the road passes thru a tunnel and thence it is down hill to the Mississippi. Here the train stopped and gave the excursionists an opportunity to climb the Ridge and enjoy the unsurpassed scenery. Many enjoyed the wild strawberries that cover the mountain in profusion. Here mountaineers offered cherries for sale in baskets ingeniously made of poplar bark. The baskets were not woven but marked with a knife, bent and tied, so as to answer the purpose of a basket.

DOWN HILL TO DANTE.

After passing through the Ridge tunnel the road drops into the valley of the Top River and father on into the gorge of the nolchuckey.

It was up this gorge that the Citizens of Tennessee came to help the Carolinians throw off the English yoke in the battle of King's Mountain. Not far from the railroad on an eminence the daughters of the American Revolution have erected a monument to the memory of these brave and oyal Tennesseeans.

It was down this gorge that Daniel Boone found his way beyond the mountains into the bluegrass country.

This valley and gorge is one of the finest East of the Rockies, and when it is better advertised will be the mecca of excursionists and sight-seers. Few places on the map can compare with it in its grandeur and sublimity. There is no use to try to describe such a scene, for it is not in man to do it. It is a picture painted by a Master Hand and copies in description fall short of the mark.

Passing out of this gorge into a broad and beautiful valley of golden grain and grazing land, the train stops a few minutes at Marion before entering the Clinch Mountain Tunnel. This tunnel is about a mile long. The immense ridge extends as far as the eye can see in either direction and towers to a great height above the plain.

Just beyond this tunnel on the Virginia and east Tennessee railroad is the natural tunnel, where the train passes through the mountain by way of an immense cave. Four hundred feet on either side the walls of the entrance tower above the river which flows through the cave. The walls are solid rock and present a most imposing picture.

As an art gallery is filled from time to time with masterpieces in paintings and sculptures, so the mental art gallery of the individual is filled from time to time with impressions of scenes which will last for life and which will prove a continual delight to the owner. The Editors added to their stock of mental picture, some masterpieces on this trip which will be a delight for life.

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