

LIBRARY HOURS

Since the closing of the schools the Library will open in the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays, the hours being from nine until half past eleven.

A RICH MAN OR FOOL.

Col. Pat Roche came up town one day this week and "struck up with Old Man Gilliam" down at Calvert's Furniture Emporium. Col. Calvert had just loaded a caravan of furniture headed for another county and the boys were waiting on the home folks, so he sat down to talk to his two friends. The conversation drifted to land, and Col. Roche declared in no uncertain terms that a man was a fool not to sell his land at the prices now being offered. So Col. Calvert and Col. Gilliam inquired of him what he considered a big fool price for the six acres of branch bottoms which he owns on the Ft. Pickens side. He thought about \$150 would fill the bill he said, and they immediately asked him to "ink" a contract for the sale at this price. He wiggled a little and then backed out. Next, they asked him for a price on the tract he sold last year for \$60 per and bought back at \$90 per. He thought he would satisfy them this time, so he put his figures at \$125, whereupon they again dared him to "ink" his figures, and he fell down again. He was then asked to name the value of his house and lot on Cambridge Street, which he did. They offered to "ink" it at an advance of about \$1500 over his own figures but by this time he had gone home.

We drove by late in the afternoon to find out whether Father Murphy would be down for services next Sabbath and located Colonel Roche out in his fine garden in amongst the onions, and he informed us that he had been wondering all evening whether he was really a rich man or just a plain old fool. He did not tell us his decision but he loaded us with the finest lot of good onions we have seen this season.

Distinguished Scottish Preacher

Dr. John Robinson, who is in this country from Scotland, and who preached for a week in Due West in

the Spring, and who was so greatly esteemed there as an expounder of the scriptures and as a man of Biblical learning will be in Abbeville next Sabbath and will preach at 11 o'clock in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Due West people were so pleased with Dr. Robinson that he was invited to come down from Washington and preach the annual sermon to the seminary students. This accounts for his second visit. The Seceders in Abbeville who heard him were so well pleased with him that they determined to persuade him to come to Abbeville in order that the people might hear this distinguished divine. They are greatly pleased that he has accepted their invitation.

Dr. Robinson, while considerably advanced in years, having been in the ministerial work for forty years, was in the thick of the fighting in the World War. So many of the boys of his congregation were called to the colors in the beginning that he felt called upon to go along as their chaplain, which he did. He saw many of the boys of his church go down to battle never to return. The war has made a great impression on him.

Dr. Robinson is still in the service of the government and wears the appropriate British uniform of a chaplain. While in France he was stationed at Abbeville, and he desires very much to see Abbeville, South Carolina, which as everyone knows was named for the French city of the same name. Dr. John de la Howe, a native of the latter place, giving our county and county seat the name of Abbeville.

SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. W. H. Stevenson, of Clinton, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

FRANCE TO TAX BACHELORS

Paris, June 1.—The French Nationality Commission, at a meeting held under the chairmanship of J. L. Breton, Minister of Hygiene, definitely approved the proposal of M. Corread for the establishment of a national fund for large fam-

ilies. This fund will be raised by taxes imposed upon bachelors and upon heads of families who have reached a certain age and have less than three living children.

This plan is to insure compensation for the loss of public revenue involved by remitting taxes which would be due normally from persons having large families.

The commission also gave its approval to the recently proposed family suffrage system.

SHIPPING BOARD TO SELL VESSELS

Should Diligent Efforts Fail to Dispose of Craft Here They Will Be Offered Abroad.

Washington, June 3.—While giving American shipping interests preference in the acquisition of government owned tonnage, mercantile marine legislation as agreed on today by senate and house conferees would authorize the shipping board to sell vessels to foreign interests should "diligent efforts" to dispose of the craft in this country fail.

Sales to foreign concerns, however, could be made under the compromise bill only on a vote of five of the seven members of the shipping board.

The legislation as agreed on would direct the sale of the government owned vessels "as soon as practicable with good business methods" but no time limit for the sale is fixed. Pending sale of the ships the board would be authorized to charter them to American concerns.

Consideration of the conference report will be taken up in the house tomorrow and following its expected adoption will be called up without delay in the senate in an effort to secure final action before the expected adjournment of congress Saturday.

As approved by the conferees the bill would require 75 per cent of the stock in companies operating ships in coastwise trade to be American owned with Americans holding the controlling interest in ship companies engaged in foreign trade.

The bill further would empower the board to set aside annually for the five years \$25,000,000 to be used as a construction fund from which to assist American concerns in building of new vessels, for the establishment and maintenance or service on steamship lines deemed desirable by the board. The senate bill fixed this amount at \$50,000,000. Owing to opposition of house conferees, provision for a direct subsidy it would authorize the board and the postmaster general "in aid of the development of a merchant marine" to determine from "time to time the just and reasonable rate of compensation to be paid for carrying American mails."

In order to give the American merchant marine every advantage for its development, the bill would authorize the president to notify foreign governments within 90 days after it becomes a law of the abrogation of treaties which restrict discrimination in favor of American ships.

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