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**NO DIVISION**

The retiring District Attorney for this district, Col. J. William Thurmond, of Edgefield, has an article in today's State in which he talks of several things. Among them he discusses the opposition to him by Senator Dial, which opposition defeated his confirmation for reappointment, and deprived him of two years of service in his office. He pays his respects to the Laurens man, and thinks him the greatest political candidate the state has ever seen. He does not state whether he had this opinion of Mr. Dial when the latter was the guest of the former at Edgefield "in and during of" the campaign, but he has it now, and he speaks right out in the meeting about it. Perhaps if Mr. Dial had been good about the appointment, he would have been a "grewed-up" senator by this time, but let that pass.

Col. Thurmond does not think much of the new converts to the republican party in this state, and hopes that there will be no division amongst the white people of the state. The Colonel can contribute very much to that end, if he will have the next state democratic convention to amend its rules by providing that the democratic party in South Carolina be independent of every other party on earth; that it is meant to run things in South Carolina, that it may be a decision of the white people, support the candidate of the national party which promises something worth while to this state, and leaves the white people free to decide what candidates they will support for congress and president, regardless of the party to which they claim adherence. The people will not always, we think, allow a few politicians and newspaper men, all of whom are willing to accept office if offices are to be had, to shape the politics of this state, bind hand and foot every man who votes for intent of a town in a primary election, to vote for all officers from president down whom these professional office-seekers name, and who they think will serve their interests. There have been times, we think, when it would have been very much to the interest of the people of the state to vote for the nominees of the republican party for president; there have been times when these candidates offered most to the people of the state perhaps; and maybe a large minority of the white people would have preferred these candidates, certainly some of them would have preferred them. Why, in such a case, should not the white people, in a white primary, if need be, be allowed to express their preference as between the candidates of the two great parties rather than have a few politicians fix things to suit themselves. Such a course would be educational if nothing else.

Col. Thurmond and others should take notice that if the white people in South Carolina are not to be divided in politics, then the white man's party in South Carolina, must be a party of the white men of the state, in which every man may express his views and submit all controversies to the people for decision, unhampered by platforms of conventions made by office-seekers.

The white man's party in South Carolina, as a part of the democratic party of the nation, is nothing but the kite's tail, and yet we furnish all of the material out of which the kite is made and the wind which carries it. So far as we are concerned we do not care whether Southern men or Northern men, democrats or republicans hold office during either a democratic or republican administration, that is a minor consideration, if the office holders are competent but we want free discussion in South Caro-

lina, and no longer the cry of the "nigger in the wood pile" when free discussion is approached. The negro should be disfranchised, and when the South enters the political field again, as it did before the war, with men at liberty to express and urge their views, the negro will cease to be a consideration by either party. If he cannot be disfranchised in one way he will be in another. The people in the North do not care more for the negro than we do, we think, and all right thinking people, North and South, are ready to get him out of politics.

It has not been the history in other Southern states where there is a republican party that the negro cuts much figure in the elections and we think the time is fast approaching when he will cut no figure at all. He belongs to an inferior race; he should be treated properly, be allowed to live in peace, be protected in his property rights, but as a race the negro should have no place in shaping the destiny of the country. He will cease to have here when we have two parties in South Carolina with good men at the head of each, (and each will have its best men at the head when there are two parties) or when a white man in South Carolina, inside the white man's party, vote for the man and the platform which most nearly represent his own views and which promise most to the whole country.

**SQUANDER CHICKENS**

Congress is shocked at Secretary Mellon's warning that unless the economy axe again goes deep the Government's spendings this year are liable to approximate four and a half billions of dollars. But Congress can scarcely doubt that the careful and accurate head of the Treasury Department knows what he is talking about. It was congress, as The New York Herald feared and said at the time, which did not realize on what a spending career it was launching the Government when it was making the appropriations.

The trouble was then, as The New York Herald took pains to explain, the trouble is now and long will be, that there is a colossal heritage of annual bill paying handed down from the war Administration. There is a debt service running, all told, at the yearly rate of about a billion and a quarter of dollars, and it cannot be dodged or deferred. There is a Shipping Board operating deficit which might go as high as half a billion of dollars, and the Government, until it sells, gives away or sinks the ships, cannot get out of it. There is a Panama Canal loss, figured as a business proposition, which sucks up public funds as desert sands suck up water.

The army and the navy, even on the reduced scales, will consume scarcely less than three-quarters of a billion of dollars and on the army and navy bills there can be no default. The Government owes hundreds of millions to the railroads and these moneys are contract obligations which cannot be repudiated without an indelible stain on the name of the United States Government. There are on file other claims incalculable and in adjustment accounts innumerable which, however remote the full and final settlements, are in part a constant drain on the public funds.

And after all, those billions for the most part having little or nothing to do with the present conduct of the Government, there are the regular day to day expenses of the various and varied departments, bureaus and commissions which never before in time of peace were so heavily manned with salary drawing office holders and never before were so lavishly, extravagantly and wastefully financed by Congress itself.

Congress can be shocked now at the things it did not know it was doing when the appropriations were being voted. But Congress can be shocked as well at the things it did with its eyes wide open. And, with the squander chickens of Congress itself come home to roost, the American people are shocked, they are outraged, at the new squander proposals. Only the sternest executive and legislative guardians of the national purse can restrain the Congress spendthrifts from rushing headlong to seize every opportunity to introduce and vote for bills to shovel more money out of the American public's pocket.

The way for Congress to save is to stop the spending. And even then there is the hard, cold fact to face

**HITS BY HAL**

If you want to make a hit, get out and git.

No, no, H. H. No broken heart is ever past re-pairing.

The State thinks a soldiers' bonus bill would be a boner.

Many a girl thinks she's elected when she's only nominated.

It's doubtful if Henry could a-Ford Muscle Shoals, anyway.

Last week the paragraphers were saying fat men should take up girth control. This week he should try mirth control.

Some nut says love makes the world go round. A lot of folks who don't know any better think it has always been round.

Arnold Bennett claims to be glad to see the passing of the "love match." Yes, there does seem to be a lot of duds that won't strike.

An ad in a well known paper reads: "John Blank makes artificial legs that are guaranteed to give satisfaction as good as any legs made."

The mystics claim already to have been in communication with Caruso. They called their gathering a seance but it must have been a hearance.

Lena Clark, the Palm Beach post-mistress who confesses to stealing \$50,000, is said to be a mystic. Sort of now it's here; presto, it's gone mysticism.

**Yes, It's Gone.**

Like the mist on the mountain,  
 Like the dew on the grass;  
 Was the money we've spent,  
 On our flivver for gas.—Jefferson (Ga.) Reporter.

Like the foam on the sea,  
 Like the edge on an ax,  
 Is the money we've spent  
 As an income tax.

"Women are determined that in the future there shall be a more even distribution of the sweets of life," says Arnold Bennett. Change one of the e's to an a and the men are for it.

"Ninety-Six postmasters held for Embezzlement."—Abbeville (S. C.) Press and Banner—No, Helen, there are not that many, Ninety-Six is a town in South Carolina.—Jefferson, (Ga.) Reporter, Come, now. None o' that. The s is yours.

Says the Anderson Daily Mail: "Two tourists passed through Abbeville one day last week, having wandered off the National Highway between Atlanta and Anderson and now that Abbeville bunch is talking a 'new tourist hotel for our fair City to beat the band.'"

If Abbeville talks a "tourist hotel" as long as Anderson has been talking "any kind of hotel" the tourists will all be dead before it is built. Besides, Abbeville has a hotel.

**Like the Dodo.**

Boston Transcript. "Yes," remarked the highbrow caller, "I rather pride myself on the discovery of another hypothesis." "Indeed!" returned Mrs. Newrich, a little doubtfully. "I had an idea they were quite extinct."

that unless Congress lays new taxes—honest taxes, rational taxes and productive taxes—to take the place of those which are no longer sufferable or fruitful the Treasury revenues will run dry and the United States Government cannot pay its bills.—New York Herald.

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**ASKS OF ARMSTRONGS**

Mrs. Southworth Wants Information Of Old Family.

Editor Press and Banner:— I am anxious to get information regarding the Armstrong family who settled in Abbeville District about 1735, I think, and was connected with the Calhoun family.

Thinking that possibly some of your subscribers might have some information on this line I should appreciate your bringing it to their attention.

Mrs. I. Southworth,  
 Andover, Mass.

**J. L. STEWART.**

Mr. J. L. Stewart, who lived alone on Mrs. Chapman's farm in the Long Cane section, was found dead in his bed this morning. He was about 52 years old and had no relatives other than two nephews, Andrew and John Stone.

Mr. Stewart apparently died of heart failure. Yesterday afternoon, neighbors say, he was apparently in his usual good health. This morning, however, he was found dead and it is not known at what hour he died or exactly what the cause was. He kept bachelor quarters and there was no one else in the house at the time.

The funeral will be held at Long Cane tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock

**THIS THIEF STOLE A WHOLE FRUIT ORCHARD**

Hamilton, O., Aug. 6.—The man who stole a bass drum and got away with it, was gone one better today.

Hamilton police are looking for a thief, who stole a fruit orchard, one hundred and fifty trees.

They were new trees, however just set out a day or so ago. The farmer who had an orchard yesterday and did not have one today lives in Morgan township an refuses to let his name be used.

The only clues police have are a criss-cross of footprints in the place where the saplings were.

Watch the label on your paper

**THOUGHT NEPHEW DEAD IN EUROPE**

W. Cobb Morris, Reported Killed in Germany, Writes to Chester Relatives.

Chester, Aug. 6.—To be informed of the death of a nephew in an aeroplane accident in Germany nearly three years ago and to hear nothing to the contrary until just recently and then in reply to a letter to receive a very interesting communication from the nephew in question was the experience of C. H. Culp.

His nephew, W. Cobb Morris, was often in Chester when a boy. When the United States entered the war young Morris was working in Canada and a Canadian flyer, but returned to the States and volunteered in the air service. After passing through the various stages in the training prescribed by Uncle Sam for his flyers, young Morris reached the front a few days after the signing of the armistice, and was assigned to patrol duty. It was the following winter that Lieutenant Morris met with the accident that very nearly cost his life, and he was, in fact, reported dead, which information got to relatives in this country, and was accepted as authentic. Recently, however, Mr. Culp, was informed by a friend from North Carolina that young Morris was still alive and well and a letter from Mr. Culp brought a long and interesting reply, in which the young aviator gave a detailed account of his adventures, and promised to visit his Chester relatives soon. He is now a first lieutenant in the air service and his headquarters are at Langley Field, Va.

**BLOWS SMOKE OUT EARS**

Boston Youth Has Hole Through Head That Puzzles Science.

Boston, Aug. 7.—Boston specialists are puzzled over the strange case of Harry Shanley, American war veteran, who has an open passage in his head extending from ear to ear. The former soldier can pass as many as fifteen buttons through one ear

and out the other. He was in France with the Canadian army, when a German shell exploded over his head, deafening him. Although his vocal cords remain, physicians have told Shanley, he will eventually lose his voice. Shanley can put a wad of paper in his mouth and remove the same from either ear. He is being treated at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

**TO GIVE BARBECUE TO CLEMSON MEN**

Florence, Aug. 5.—Clemson college men of Williamsburg, Georgetown and Florence counties will hold a big barbecue in Florence Monday night, August 8, beginning at 8 o'clock. The affair will be held at the Pee Dee experiment station. Supt. R. E. Curran will be host to the visitors for the evening. All graduates, undergraduates, students and prospective students of Clemson college are expected to be present. No program has been arranged for the barbecue, other than to eat and have a good time. Members of the club and their visitors may address the meeting as the spirit moves them. Recently the Clemson men of these three counties held a big rally in Florence and formed anew their old college club. The officers are anxious to keep active and to increase the enthusiasm of the first meeting.

**Announcement!**

We wish to announce the arrival of the **NEW VICTOR RECORDS** for **AUGUST**. You are invited to come in and hear them.

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**BIG REDUCTION SALE ON TWO HORSE WAGONS**

The Stark Vehicle Co. is obliged to raise some Money, and though this may seem a startling reduction, we are going to cut the price on all Two Horse Wagons \$25 each during the month of August.



The 2 1-2 Bain was \$155.00, now	\$130.00
The 2 3-4 Bain was \$160.00, now	\$135.00
The 2 1-2 Chattanooga was \$145, now	\$120.00
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The 2 3-4 Thornhill was \$150, now	\$125.00

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