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REMEDY THE EVIL

The State in its issue of today calls attention to the fact that members and attaches of the General Assembly are often elected to offices of trust and honor in the commonwealth, and maintains that the practice of the members in voting for one of their number, or for those who live about the state house and can help politically, is disgusting. It is stated that a second rate lawyer, a member of the lower house, may easily defeat the leader of the bar in the state.

Only the other day The State complained of the results of selecting candidates by the primary. It was then asserted in effect that a second rate politician, who knows how to harangue the people, stands a better chance of being governor, for instance, than the best equipped man in the state, for the very good reason that the latter generally has "none of the bogus qualities" which take with the voters.

The complaint has some merit in it, though we are not prepared to say that better results would be obtained in the selection of judges and other officers if elections were had in some other way, or if the members themselves were not allowed to run. If the member could not run while a member, he could stay out for a term and try his hand (after having become well acquainted with the brethren) or he could run his candidate, and the final results we fear would not be more satisfactory. If the governor appointed the judges we believe better results would be had, but there are governors and governors. All schemes will develop weak places.

We are, however, of the opinion that except for local officers perhaps, there is no scheme for selecting important officers which could be less satisfactory than the primary. If it has proved of any benefit to the people of the state we have not heard of it. The men taken as a whole who have been promoted to political office by it will not compare favorably with those who preceded them. But the worst fault with the primary is that it makes too much of politics, it keeps the people stirred up into factions, and keeps them interested in matters of state when they should be interested in matters of more importance.

If the State desires to fether a movement to get rid of primary elections, we are with it. We believe that while conventions may promote "rings," these creatures are greatly to be desired as compared with primary elections in South Carolina, or elsewhere.

RETALIATION.

Over in Spartanburg Billy Sunday continues his meeting and the interest continues to grow. One of the contributing causes to the great success of the meeting has been and is the publicity given it by Deacon Hemphill in the Spartanburg Journal. Mr. Sunday too received greater inspiration for the preaching of the Word by his trip to Due West, for which he is again indebted to the deacon. And it was on this trip too that the deacon pointed out all the places where his sweethearts had lived, and it was at the Erskine auditorium that Mr. Sunday was so "handsomely" introduced by this same friend and admirer, an introduction which put him in proper standing with the only people.

After all of that it seems just a little to be regretted that in the course of the meeting Mr. Sunday had to preach a sermon in condem-

nation of the deacon's three principal amusements—card-playing, dancing and attending leg shows. But by whom may a man be saved if not by his friends?

"PERFECTLY PREPOSTEROUS"

It is a shame to conceal from freshmen and prospective freshmen at a certain institution in Columbia the valuable information contained in the following editorial in The State. To know all about the Holy City and the scholar who came out of it is to pass all history courses. This is the reference:

Protest is here and now filed against repeated reference by the Spartanburg Journal to Due West as the "Holy City." That descriptive phrase many years ago was applied to the metropolis of South Carolina by a seer residing in Columbia and whose persevering use of it, in Rome, Paris, Oxford, Boston, Columbia and other centers has given it a vogue throughout the Western world. If the Spartanburg Journal wishes to add to the fame of Due West by calling it the "Holy Village," no one will take exception, but in South Carolina it can be not more than one "Holy City," and it is on the tongue of land where the Ashley and the Cooper meet. Besides, we fancy that the good sense of the Due Westers is so much that they are not ambitious that their community shall be designated a "city" which it isn't. It would be infinitely more to the advantage of South Carolina to multiply villages like Due West than to have more cities than we need.

SHARK GETS SWIMMER

Thousands of Spectators See Tragedy

London, Feb. 5.—While swimming in the sea at Coogee, a seaside resort near Sydney, Australia, Michael Coghlan, aged 18 years, was attacked by a shark and fatally bitten, says a Reuter dispatch from Sydney. His arms were almost severed. A returned soldier, Jack Chalmers, swam to the rescue and dragged Coghlan from the shark's jaws. Other swimmers carried Coghlan out of the water, but he died on the beach. Thousands of horrified spectators witnessed the tragedy.

LOU TELLEGEN COMING

There are a few actors living today, who can lay claim to such perfect mastery of their art as Lou Tellegen, who on Thursday night February 9, will present himself (in person) and his own company at the Opera House, Abbeville, in a monster revival of his greatest American success, "Blind Youth" a comedy drama in three acts written by Willard Mack and Mr. Tellegen, and which enjoyed a Theatre in New York City, and which spent the balance of that season of its tremendous success between the two cities of Boston and Chicago.

Since his first appearance in this country several years ago as leading man with Madam Sarah Bernhardt, Mr. Tellegen has been seen in several plays widely directed from each other, in each and every one of th characters of which, he has given an interpretation that has earned for him a reputation of the most enviable sort, and the admiration of every theatregoer in the land.

In "Blind Youth" he assumes the characters of a young artist of Franco-American birth, who left to his own resources, fails to distinguish between fakes and genuine love; he is guided by his impulses rather than his reason in bestowing his affections, and the mistake brings as usual, sorry consequences; his regeneration, however, brings great and lasting happiness.

The play is not one of the morbid kind; on the contrary, it is life-like, because it is full of romance, laughter and love, the impulse of the story being to the joy of life.

Assisting the star will be found Helen Grayce, Isabel Alden, Dorothy Beardsley, Georgia Prentice, Florence Bell, Russell Clark, Russell Davis, Hugh Banks.

Starch is the only food that is changed chemically in the mouth.

HAILE GOLD MINE UNDER DISCUSSION

Washington, Feb. 5.—During the world war it became necessary to examine and estimate American domestic ore reserves with a view of supplying the increased demand for certain mineral products, among them sulphuric acid, which is made from pyrite. One of the most promising developments in this connection is the conversion of the well known Haile gold mine, near Kershaw, S. C., in to a pyrite mine. This mine has been the largest single producer of gold in the Appalachian region. It was successfully worked for gold from 1830 to 1908 and produced during that period \$3,500,000 in gold. Much of the gold was mined from huge open pits 200 feet in depth.

The mine is described in bulletin 725-F of the United States geological survey department of the interior, a short paper by Frank C. Shrader. The paper contains a map of the camp, showing the distribution of the ores, rocks and workings. The pyrite ore in sight at this mine amounted to about 100,000 tons, and the mine was estimated to contain 600,000 tons, which is about half the quantity annually used by the United States and more than the annual domestic production. The mine not only promised to aid materially in supplying the war needs for pyrite

SERVICES FOR CATHOLICS

Father J. A. McElroy, of Greenville, was in Abbeville over Sunday and conducted services at the morning and evening hours yesterday, holding mass this morning. Hereafter he will be in Abbeville regularly on the first and third Sundays and on each fifth Sunday to conduct services.

Father McElroy is a native of Baltimore, but in recent years has been assisting with the work of his church in Charleston. He is a brother of Father John T. McElroy who served the Abbeville church some twenty years ago.

Father McElroy comes to Abbeville with the recommendation of Father Murphy, formerly of Spartanburg, but now of Charleston, which is a sufficient recommendation for the people of Abbeville.

Peasants of those countries where black bread is eaten usually have good teeth.

but is favorably situated for the use of its pyrite in the manufacture of fertilizer for use in the South, where the demand for sulphuric acid is steadily increasing.

The ore now mined consists of pyrite abundantly diffused through a gangue of sericite and quartz. The pyrite is very fine grained and relatively pure. It increases in amount with depth and extends below the deepest workings, whose depth is 350 feet. In exploiting it test drill holes are sunk nearly to that depth.

FOILS BOLD HOLD UP

Young Woman Screams To Attract Pedestrians

New York, Feb. 4.—Screams of a young woman, the scattering of money over the sidewalk, cries of "stop thief" and the sight of a crowd in pursuit of two hold up men stirred pedestrians in Times square this afternoon. Laura Latin, 20, was carry-

ing \$1,000 payroll money from a bank to the office where she worked when she felt two men tugging at the case containing the cash. They tore open the case, notes spread over the pavement, and the crowd chased them as they ran. A policeman caught John Mills, 17. The second man escaped. Most of the money was recovered.

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