

Jno. Gary Evans will be, in president of the Constitutional Convention, Congressman Talbert having withdrawn in his favor.

The following is Talbert's card of withdrawal:

A great many of my friends have urged, and are now urging me to make the race for president of the Constitutional convention, which assembles today, but since investigating the matter carefully I find it to be an established precedent that the Governor, by virtue of his office, should be the presiding officer when a member of the convention.

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The Columbia State is very much in favor of new counties. Having failed in every other plan to disintegrate the army of reformers this paper has now adopted this scheme to break up their strongholds, territorially speaking.

Spartanburg, Union, and Edgefield seem to be the special butt of the new county workers, and the ants have taken hold of this county making business and are likely to swamp the whole thing.

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REFORMERS, AWAKE, ARISE OR BE FOREVER FALLEN.

"The Milk in the Coconut."

Mr. Editor: From the many new County schemes now agitating the public mind, it would seem that our grand old County—glorious old Edgefield, with its proud and glowing memories all along the years past and gone, and the enviable position she today occupies among her sister Counties of the State—is to be cut and slashed into mince meat and almost wiped from the face of the earth.

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at least, to go on building cotton factories, oil mills, etc., and erect their Court Houses when the people actually need them.

And now in conclusion, Brother Reformers of Edgefield, we urge you to awake—throw off your lethargy—and make all proper efforts to thwart the deep laid plans of those who are striving with might and main to place us under domination of the "Old Ring Rule" power once more.

P. S.—Since writing the above my paper, the Piedmont Headlight, has come to hand, and I clip therefrom the annexed extract from an editorial on "The New County Agitation."

"We have conversed with hundreds of farmers from every section of our county, and are yet to find the first man but bitterly opposes any scheme to reduce the present area of counties in South Carolina. We never knew our people so united on any subject as this. They see that this new county movement is nothing but the plot of a few ambitious towns to become county sites for the special behoof and benefit of a few anti property-owners, and of designing politicians to thus divide and spit up the power of our farmers and increase their strength.

Col. Gantt hits the nail squarely on the head—and has our unbounded thanks.

Friend Pedagogue is certainly a wonderful man. He thinks I owe him some grudge. I may not be overburdened with brains, but I've got too much sense to get mad at a newspaper opponent. When I was at the Court House, I met the original George Johnstone, a good humored old darkey and the young lawyer who did the writing and who carries one of the strongest brains in the county; our meeting was pleasant and we all parted in the best of humor.

My friend says I am a political turncoat. I am not thrusting my private opinions on the public, wish to state facts. I will say that for awhile I was not a supporter of Mr. Tillman in all his views. All along I agreed with him on State issues. * * * But to return; Pedagogue said not four months ago that he wished every school district were at the bottom of the Atlantic. Yet last year I heard him make a powerful appeal for school districts. I can prove this by three or four substantial citizens. One of my friends told me not long since in an authoritative tone that Pedagogue alone; for said he, "He's crazy," I honestly believe it; for he makes the wildest, the most uncalculated statements imaginable. He went out of his way to attack the preachers; he brought in the Catholic church—both of which were entirely irrelevant. I was trained in a denominational college and am in a position to know more about their workings than a man trained in a military school.

"Diogenes was a patriot," he was a calamity howling patriot. You say our school interests suffered by your not being elected commissioner. maybe they did, but as "uncle George Johnstone" would say, "I am takin de peepel long time ter disklipher dat fac." They may find it by the time of the Millennium, if its long enough off.

"You will always find me on my platform." Yes I saw you on a platform once, sawing the air with a long right hand, screaming and piping most piteously. Yes I would vote for you to "fly o'er the backside of the world far off, into a limbo large and broad, since called The paradise of fools.

But you tell me "good-bye" I thought you were in it "for the summer," I took you at your word and let loose but your "naughty things" wouldn't come at your bidding and you had to flunk. The George Johnstone that I have been having a few words with is a white man, but even if he were a "nigger" that wouldn't be much worse than writing against a way off man which I am doing now. Pedagogue had better make another map of Saluda county. He made such a fine one before.

I merely wish to state to friend Dido that my failing to reply was because I thought the public was sick of the subject. She brings up Solomon to prove that W. S. has been a success in Wyoming. She overlooks the fact that sometimes securing authority is proved from partial or corrupt sources.

Doesn't everybody know that politicians will testify to the good or bad effects in anything under heaven, just as it suits them. If the women are a controlling factor in any election does she suppose that a Governor is going to say anything against their fitness to vote. Not a bit of it. He wants those women to vote for him and wouldn't hurt their feelings for the world. That legislature which passed those commendatory resolutions, was, without a doubt, composed largely of women and men who didn't care about exciting the ire of their female constituents, and was intended more to please the "wimmen voters" than to edify the outside world. One of Dido's authorities speaks of there not being a poor house in all Wyoming. That looks like carelessness and

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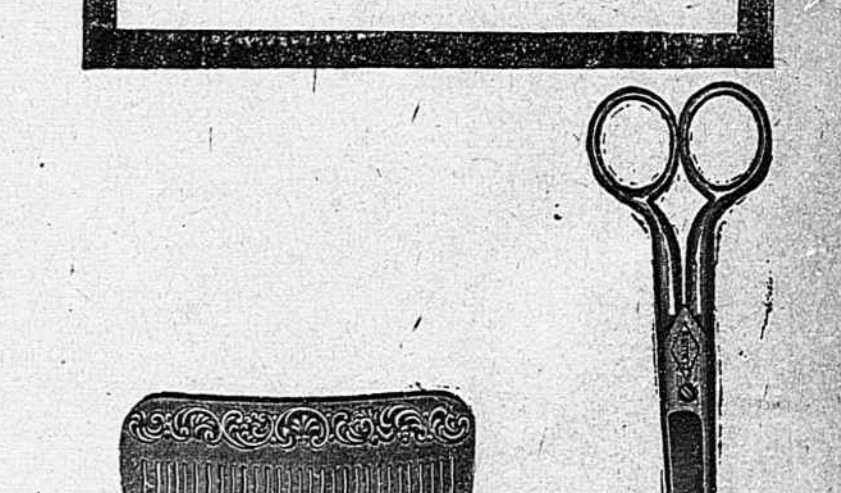
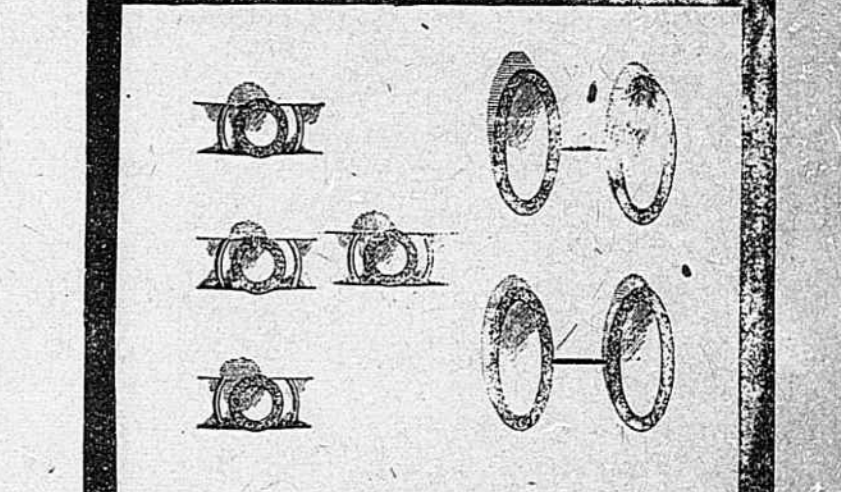
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