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TPOS. J. ADAMS, EDITOR

WEDNESDAY, FEB. S.

Napoleon was born with two teeth, but when the time came for him to eat crow the teeth were gone.

While pleading for universal disarmament the Czar of Russia is adding new gunboats to his already powerful navy.

Since their encampment in the South the Northern men in the army assert that they have had their views on the negro revolutionized.

The farmers are behind with their preparations for planting. The constant rains have made it impossible to plow or haul out fertilizers.

Investigations since the death of Keely, of Keely motor fame, show that he was a gigantic trickster, who used powerful, concealed forces to deceive the public.

The treaty of peace with Spain was ratified by the United States on Monday by a two-thirds vote. with one vote to spare, that of Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina.

nia.

The trend of events indicates that Gen. Miles will be court-martialed at an early date. The New York Sun in a violent editorial denounces his conduct during the late war, and clamors for his dismissal in disgrace from the army. It looks as if the pride of the haughty Miles is to have a sudden fall.

the Saluda district with the fol- not computing interest, which lowing counties: Aiken, Lexington, Saluda, Greenwood, Laurens, bill has already passed the house. Its fate in the Senate is doubtful It ought to pass. It would give us - Newberry: Senator Efirt and Government.

FAIAL Thousand Dead and Four

3.500 Wounded.

Capture of Five Thousand Prisoners and the Position Held by Them.

A battle in the Philippines commencing on Saturday iast and continuing for a portion of the next two days resulted in the death of 20 and the wounding of 175 American soldiers, the death of 4,000 Filipinos, the wounding of 3,500 and the capture of 5,000 prisoners and the positions held by them. The troops engaged on our side were nearly all Western men, good fighters, as we who were in the Confederate army in the days gone by know. They were from Nebraska, Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Utah and Califor-

forthwith a diligent search, where accusation against the entire delethe same is most likely to be gation in the Neal-McLaurin adfound, for a certain report, with dress that I cannot longer remain its accompaying documents, made by James A. Black, agent of the silent.

McLaurin has his commission as State, A, D. 1858, to his Excellency Governor Alston, who had appointsenator until 1903, and he may ed said agent under a Resolution feel that he can slander us with adopted by the Legislature in impunity, but I, at least, will not A. D. 1856, authorizing the submit in silence. McLaurin Governor to appoint some suitable person to prepare and prosecute makes Neal charge: "In 1894 I against the General Government was invited to go to Washington to laims growing out of the common attend a conference. I was present difference, &c., on which report exhibits the Committee on Federal in Irby's committee room when it Relations for the session of the was agreed to make John Gary Legislature in A. D. 1858 made Evans governor of South Caro.ina.

a report showing nearly \$550,000 There was only one man who rais-The redistricting bill makes ours due the State on the said claims, ed his voice against it in protest. exhibits were authorized to be I was a witness to the scene when printed, or it was so stated by he withdrew in anger from the he Governor in a message, which | conference." There was no need Newberry and Edgefield. This report and exhibits of Mr. Black for him to go back four years to were trausmitted in a message by make an accusation of there being his Excellency Governor Gist at the session of 1890, and then again a ring in Washington at the time or dered to be printed, and , which which was running South Caroin this district, probably, the fol- exhibits at the same session, on lina's politics. He made poor lowing candidates for "sumpin" or recommedation of the Committee Neal sign a falsebood, knowing at man, J. C. Sheppard, W. J. Tal- in the Comptroller General's office the time himself that it was a for use and reference in any falschood, and his only purpose bert, W. H. Timmerman, of Edge- settlement which may at any time could be to injure the delegation field; Geo. Johnstone and Mower, be had with the United States here in the eyes of the people. Now, the facts are these, and I will in. D. S. Hen- And be it further resolved. That

claration that McKinley was the in the south to-day, and one of the "most popular president since practical causes for his present Lincola and ought to ce renomi- condition, is the fact that he denated by acclamation" is another) pends upon the use of commercial part. All these things go to prove manure to make his crop, without his absolute unreliability and his work. I tell you it isn't 5 cent cotunscrupulous ambition. He is a ton that ails the average farmer of democrat only because he believes Georgia. Instead it is the carelese, that is the way to gratify his am- slovenly, slip-shod manner in which he prepares his land and bition.

after instance of his colleagues, upon the "guano" he uses to make and of his trickery, but this is his crop without labor. That's enough for one installment, Let precisely what ails nine-tenths of him dispute what I have said thus the farmers in the south to-day. far and I will give him some more. and diversified crops won" help and what is more to the purpose, him one iota. If he ever expects let the people know more fully to better his condition he will have what manner of man it is they to take off his coat, roll up his have sent to the United States sleeves and go to work, throw senate in the place of the noble away his antediluvian "scooters" and "twisters," get common Joseph H. Earle.

Very respectfully, T. J. STRAIT. Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.

WORK VS. FERTILIZERS.

To the Editor of Atlanta Journal

In Wednesday's issue of your valuable paper you ask for communications from experienced practical farmers as to the cause of the present depressed condition of the average farmer, and invite sugge.tions as to the best remedy for this financial improvement. Now,

world.

The life and existence of every His is the noblest occupation within the gift of the Creator of the farmer from producing so much

I would go on and give instance cultivates his crops, depending sense modern farming implements.

and put his land in such condition that his crops can utilize the plant food already contained therein, of which there is an abundance, sufficient to grow and develop to perfec

tion any crop he may be disposed to plant upon the poorest worn out field in the south. My experience has been, all my life, that in order to produce a good crop of anything that the physical condition of the soil needs looking

after more than the chemical. In 95 per cent. of all the tillable there is no question, not even the land in the south nature has stored shadow of a doubt, among all sen- every element of plant food in sible people, that the success of abundant proportion necessary to every business on earth depends the perfect development of all upon the success of the farmer. kinds of crops, and if the tiller of The farm is the foundation, the the soil will use common sense, starting point of all branches of good' judgment and labor in the trade and industry. The various preparation of the land and the products of the soil produced by cultivation of his crops, and neiththe farmer not only start but keep er use nor depend upon chemicals, in motion the machinery of the I will guarantee that he will find a panacea for all his troubles.

I do not want to be misunderanimate being on earth depends stood in this matter. Chemical upon the man who tills the toil. manures properly applied are beneficial as a stimulant to plant growth, and sometimes can be profitably used under certain conuniverse; stop the farmer and ev- ditions and circumstances; but everything stops; but stop the those conditions and circumstances do nor exist in the south. Especially is this true as regards cotton in the south or teach him the method of application by the how to produce it at less expense, average farmer in the south. so that he will have a few dollars In sumparizing I would say, let

left after his expenses are paid, the farmer's motto be, first of all, and being familiar with the opin- get modern, up-to-date farming implements, if necessary better give ions of the majority of the farmers your note for them than for a ton in the south on the subject of "cot- of guano; thoroughly break up ton raising" as a livelihood, I shall and prepare your land before not try to impress them with the planting, and thoroughly cultivate necessity of planting less cotton, your crops afterward; plant and

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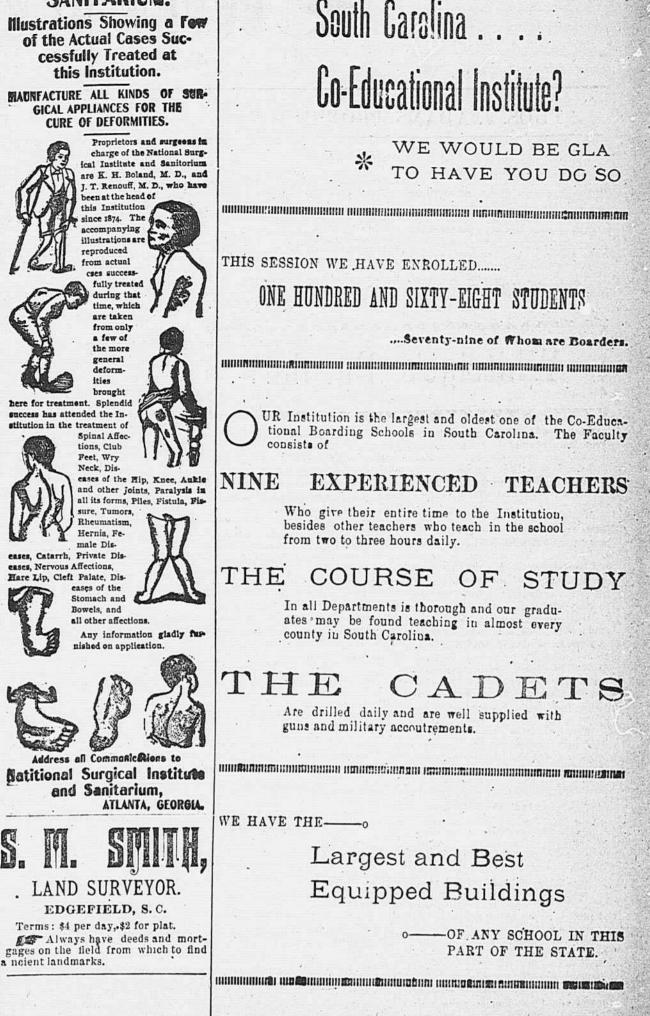
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before the Legislature this session | values in a service is the following in the shape of a concurrent resolution offered by Representative N. G. Evans. It RETIRING CONGRESSMAN means a million and a half dollars to the State of South Carolina if successful, and from Mr. Evans's characteristic push and vigor it seems likely to pass both houses Says He Has Been Treacherous with a rush, in fact there isn't the shadow of a doubt. It is too big a thing not to pass.

. "Whereas it is claimed by the Federal anthorities that South Carolina is indebted to the United States on the fund known as the Indian Trust Fund, \$125,000 of bonds issued in 1855 for the construction of the new State House with interest thereon amounting in the whole at this time to something over \$250.000; and whereas there is likelihood of legislation by the present Congress looking to the funding of said bonds, at, say 5 per cent.; and wherea there is strong evidence going to show that Carolina in the sum of \$500000 on claims growing out of the common defense, etc, during the war for delegation in congress, and, in independence, known as the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and interest thereon ever since, if interst be allowed; and wheras it is of the last importance that if the State's indebtedess to the United States is to be adjusted by an Act or Joint Resolution of Congress, there ought to be a provision incorporated into any such action. of Congress looking to the settlement and adjusment of any claim or claims held by the State against the United States. Therefore, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, That the Committee of Ways and Means of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate do forthwith institute an active investigation into the merits and evidence of the said claim of this State against the United left over from the States. sign it. Revolutionary War, and to that end that said committee have power and authority to meet in joint ression, to appoint a sub-joint committee of their members, and they and said sub-joint committee

to have power and authority to call for persons and papers, and to summon and compel attendance of persons able to furnish evidence and testimoney. And that the State Treasurer

and the Comptroller General do

JUNIOR SENATOR. ISSUES AN ADDRESS.

CALLS M'LAURIN A TRICKSTER

to His Colleagues and Unscrupulous-Very Warm Language.

To the people of South Carolina: quarrel, Irby declaring that he Since manifestos, addresses and would not have anything to do xposes are in order in South Carowith a Populist, and before any ina, I have decided to have a word thing was done, or the purpose for to say. The star player in the rewhich we had been brought togethcent performance has been writing er mentioned, McLaurin angrily his own plays, criticising and left the room, saying he would damning all others while painting 'stand by his friends." his own part in glowing colors Matters having assumed this without regard to truth or the inshape, Latimer, Talbert and myterests of any save himself. I

have decided it to be my duty self, members of the house, also keep quiet no longer left, and there was not one word while he is allowed weekly to ex- said about running John Gary ploit himself and his actions Evans for governor., McLaurin has become so notorious himself through the leading newspapers of indebted to the State of South our State. I shall confine myself for holding conferences and planning political deals, and is by nato a statement of facts that can be ture such a trickster and conspirafully substantiated by the entire tor, that I presume he feels called upon to charge such things to us. fact, all who had an opportunity He was in the "Forty-movement," from the inside to observe the which has for its object the detrend of matters during the last struction of the Reform party. He six years. The people of South begged. Latimer, Talbert and my-Carolina have a right to know what is now and what has been goself to join him in a Populist maning on behind the curtain. And ifesto to the people of the State in when they have learned all the 1894, saying that the State was facts they will not be slow to make ripe and that the people would rally behind that banner if we up their minds.

The address recently issued by would join him. He denied this Mr. W. A. Neal, it is well known, when he was running for the senwas not written by him. He was ate, but I can prove it by both gensick at the time, and could not tlemen referred to. He cursed and judge for himself what the effects damaed the dispensary law here during the Darlington riot, and would be, nor how despicable it wrote the "Dear Appelt letter" givmade him appear in the eyes of both friends and foes. It is well ing Senator Tillman the "Joab known that it was written by John stab;" yet when Tillman came on L. McLaurin, who hastened down here afterwards he went to him and to Columbia from Washington and begged him not to fight ham in his as hurriedly came away after he congressional district for congress, had penned this infamous slander, and disclaimed intending anything an instrument of apostacy, and in- but friendship for him. He promduced Neal, poor, sick fellow, to ised Bowden that he would run for governor in 1896 and encour-

Along with other members of aged Bowden to run for congress. he South Carolina delegation in He made Tom Reed believe he was congress, I have been subjected to in sympathy with the Republican the treachery and undermining party and thus obtained his positactics of the junior renator from tion on the ways and means comour State so long that I had almost mittee above older and abler membecome used to it and did not ex- bers of the house. He has been, pect to have anything more to say in a way, trying to deliver the during the short period in which I goods, and his tariff speech was a

will remain in public life. But part delivery. His fawning around make, and cause to be . made there is such an outrageously false the president last summer and de- takes of 95 per cent. of the farmers

acre of labu in the state of Geor-lyear. Evans were present. As soon as gia planted in cotton that would the meeting opened McLaurin not produce just as many pounds mentioned that Koester, then editof lint cotton per acre, with thor ing the Register, and Bowden, two ough preparation of the soil and prominent South Carolinians, then proper cultivation of the crop a Washington, ought to be admitwithout the use of one single ted to our council. Irby and Mcpound of the best commercial fer-Laurin were then not on good tilizer that is manufactured, as is terms, on account of a scandal, inproduced to-day by its use in the volving McLaurin, of which I will manner in which it is applied. not speak here, because it is too

Now, if the above assertion is nauseating, and they began to true, the problem is solved. If the farmer can produce as much cotton per acre without the use of commercial manure as he is producing with its use, how many thousands of dollars would he have in his pockets at the end of the year; even at 5 cents per pound?

> Ob, he says, that kind of talk is all nonsense. Our land is all worn out. We can't get manure to build Fight it up. We are too poor to depend upon building up our land by turning under green crops, etc.; we have to wait too long; we are obiged to grow a crop to sell every year. and we cannot do it without guano," and it's no use to talk talk about diversified crops, and all that sort of stuff. I tell you, the merchant won't let us have "any rations" if we don't plant cotton. We're just obliged to plant it, or starve. Besides, the merchant won't give us no "rations" nohow, unless we take so many sacks of "guano," etc.

Now, I wish to call the attention of the farmers to a few facts connected with the use of commercial fertilizers in the south as they are used to-day. Allow every brand of fertilizer on the market credit for every ounce of available plant food that the analysis claims for it. and then you only have the requisite amount of plant food in every 200 pound sack necessary to perfectly develop about 1,000 cotton stalks. Yet the average farmer distributes that 200-pound sack of guano over one acre of land containing (where there is a good stand) about 20,000 cotton stalks, and expects profitable results from

ts use. Failing therein, as he is bound to do, the reflection is in Cotton for sale against the purity of the guano instead of against his "fool" self for expecting a perfect growth of weed Cotton Mill. Mr. H. from the use of one-twentieth the amount of plant food necessary.to produce a well developed cotton Cotton Mill now and plant.

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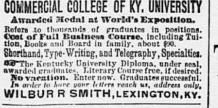
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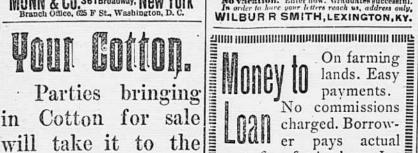
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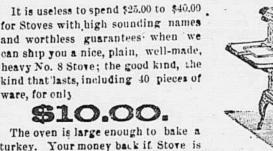


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