

All our actions take their hue from the complexion of the heart, as land ceases their variety from light.—BACON.

One-twelfth of the new year is gone. Did you make the most of its opportunities?

They tell us that Mr. Bryan will not be a candidate again in 1912, but we'll have to wait and see.

With western beef tabooed, it does not require "twenty minutes for breakfast" these mornings.

Since the price of meat has gone skyward, C. O. molasses is having its day.

February has but twenty-four work days, so you'll have to stir early and late in order to accomplish much.

Edgefield people have no ground for joining the no-meat-in-thirty-days club. The local markets are selling good meats at very reasonable prices.

With 350 handsome Citadel cadets encamping in Greenwood for two weeks in July, the girls of our sister town will be the envy of the young ladies in all parts of the state.

The Press and Banner says the "County political pot is still as cold as a keg of cabbage kraut" in Abbeville. We hope the simmering stage is yet ninety days off in this county.

Edgefield must have a large boys' corn club. Twenty odd counties have already organized. Aiken to the south and Greenwood to the north of us have clubs; Edgefield must not be found wanting in this forward movement.

The legislators having visited Rock Hill, Clemson College and Charleston, stopping over at other points of interest, an exchange suggests that they next take a trip to the Pole and make an investigation as to the merits of Cook and Peary claims.

There should be no dearth of legislative timber over the state next summer. The compensation is small and the honor may not be as great as it once was, but there's a "big time" in being a South Carolina legislator. Have you kept up with their "junketings" and banquettings this year?

The women of South Carolina should rise en masse and demand of the legislature now in session the immediate repeal of the iniquitous statute that is upon almost every tongue throughout the length and breadth of the state. But why should the legislators wait for such a demand? Arise, South Carolina lawmakers, and come to the rescue of helpless motherhood!

Realizing that the preservation of the home is the greatest bulwark of a state or nation, South Carolina takes pride in being the only state of the entire forty-six that does not grant divorces, yet she is the only one that strikes a death-dealing blow at the home by permitting the husband and father to deed away children without the knowledge or consent of the mother. Oh, consistency!—to say nothing of justice.

Greenwood, like Atlanta, is getting her name in print often these days because of the unusual things that have been coming her way recently: A Greenwood farmer sold a plain, every-day, razor-back hog last week for \$76.80. A Greenwood automobile dealer has a shipment of seven cars of autos on the road, the largest on record in the state. Finally, a little three-year-old Greenwood girl can spell correctly any word that is given her. She recently spelled 300, one after another, without a single error. Keep your eyes on Greenwood.

**Man's Inhumanity to Woman.**  
The Advertiser is not an advocate of woman's suffrage and is not likely to become one, but in view of the lax enforcement of law, together with the manifest injustice of some of the existing laws, can one after all censure women for desiring to right their wrongs with

the ballot?  
Not many months ago a white man was convicted in the eastern section of the state for being a party to his wife's murder. Though convicted and given a light sentence, owing to the lax enforcement of law in South Carolina he is still at large, enjoying his liberty. The innocent woman's blood is unavenged.

More recently, a statute, a relic of the dark ages, has been unearthed whereby a husband and father in South Carolina can deed his children to a third party without the knowledge or consent of the mother.

Such instances of "man's inhumanity to woman" are sufficient to arouse the womanhood of the entire state.

**New Paraphrasies.**  
The farmers of the country are on top, the very tip-top. For one time the tiller of the soil is having his day. But along with this meteoric promotion, elevation to absolute sovereignty, have come new and perplexing problems. There are so many money-making crops that the average farmer doesn't know where to begin or which crop to make predominant.

Cotton and cotton seed yield such enormous returns of gold that he is tempted to have an all-cotton farm. Then, the cereals are such a close second to the staple that he is tempted to make it an a-la-Williams farm, and finally, when his thoughts turn to the price of beef, pork, mules and horses, he wants to be the lord of a stock farm, with cattle upon a thousand hills.

While the farmer is wrestling with this many-horned dilemma, The Advertiser, which seldom poses as an adviser, offers this modicum of advice: Make your farm a well-balanced, self-sustaining farm, by planning some of all instead of all of one.

Only through making their farm self-sustaining will the tillers of the soil be enabled to maintain their sovereignty—absolute independence.

**Co-partnership Formed.**  
For several years Mr. Henry W. Quarles and his son, Mr. H. Ernest Quarles, have been conducting very successfully a mercantile business at Red Hill under the firm name of H. W. and H. E. Quarles. In order to devote his entire time to his farm, Mr. H. W. Quarles has sold his interest in the business to Mr. C. M. Mellichamp and henceforth the firm will be Quarles & Mellichamp. These young men, both of whom are energetic, progressive and withal very popular, will greatly enlarge their stock, making their store compare favorably with any country store in the county. Mr. Mellichamp will continue to devote his entire time to his school duties. The Advertiser hopes and believes these worthy young men will reap a full measure of success.

**Meeting at Home of Mr. Smith.**  
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Harmony community held a delightful parlor meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gamewell Smith. The large parlor was filled with interested women, most of them white ribboners. Mrs. Zehner made a splendid talk to them on the importance of work and the greatness of the organization. Delightful refreshments were served by the hospitable hostess.

The whole landscape around this home is suggestive of prosperity and good cheer. In speaking of the Harmony picnic one of the ladies present said she supposed Harmony was selected as the place of this annual gathering on account of its name. But there is more than a name in the Harmony community. The visitors who were present at the meeting on Saturday were impressed with the kindly faces and amiable dispositions of the good women of Harmony. It is a joy to be in such an environment.  
F. A. M.

**Etiwan Fertilizers.**  
Attention is directed to the large advertisement of the Etiwan Fertilizer Company in this issue. For more than forty years this very reliable company has been supplying the farmers of South Carolina with high grade fertilizers. They pride themselves upon using only the best ingredients, and it has been this that has enabled them to establish such a splendid reputation. Scores upon scores of Edgefield farmers testify to the very superior quality of the Etiwan brands. The local representatives of this company, Messrs. W. W. Adams & Co. before making your 1910 fertilizer contracts. The Etiwan company will gladly furnish their valuable almanacs and calendars to all who ask for them.

**Lost, Strayed or Stolen.**  
One blue-speckled hound dog, bushy tail, little tan on ears, named "Blue." \$5.00 reward for his return.  
Dr. W. Luther Jones,  
Edgefield, S. C.

**What Others Say.**  
**Cotton-tots Heed.**  
Please tell that farmer over your way that cotton fell \$3.00 per bale last Friday. He is preparing to plant 40 acres of cotton to the male and it's not fair to the male.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

**Going Without Clothes.**  
A Westerner says that if prices keep on going up he is going to do without clothes. This would lead to an exposure, no doubt, but not of the trusts.—News and Courier.

**Bank on Small Oars.**  
If all the big bankers go to prison, where are we going to borrow money?—News and Courier.  
From the little bankers. They're all right.—Newberry Observer.

**It's Coming.**  
The need of a marriage license law becomes stronger and stronger every day and yet the legislature, or the majority thereof, cannot see it. It has become so strong now that even the legislature should understand the need of such a law.—Greenwood Index.

**"With the Poor Mother."**  
Even Senator Tillman's enemies will sympathize with him in the unfortunate litigation now pending in the supreme court.—Greenville News.

It is more likely that the great majority of people will sympathize with the poor mother.—Newberry Observer.

**"Us Four and no More."**  
Nepotism at Clemson is no new disease, nor is it necessarily fatal, though somewhat contagious. The legislature is making a start towards quarantine. A description of the disease, in its most virulent form, that everybody will understand is, "Me and my wife, my son John and his wife—as four and no more."—Keowee Courier.

**Put Your Boy to Work.**  
Idleness fosters crime. Many a young man has entered a life of wrongdoing because his wealthy but unwise parents let him grow up in idleness instead of setting him to perform some honest work that would have strengthened his character, and made him feel that life was something worth while.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

**Threadbare Argument.**  
The whiskey question is still being discussed in the State senate. And some supposedly very brainy men are working over-time trying to get up a more slazy, threadbare argument than that "prohibition does not prohibit." But they'll never do it. When a man shoots "prohibition does not prohibit" at you, you can know he's all in. It's the limit.—Keowee Courier.

**Can't go Without Trousers.**  
This question is asked by the Anderson Daily Mail, "How would it do to levy a tax of twenty-five cents on women's hats and give the money to Winthrop college?" It's a poor plan that won't work both ways and we would suggest that the same idea might be tried to an excellent advantage on the men. Simply levy a tax of twenty-five cents on the extra yard of cloth turned up at the bottom of their trousers and donate the money to Clemson. My, but wouldn't Clemson get rich! The men would undoubtedly get the worst end of the bargain. It's quite stylish for ladies to go without their hats, but—!!! —Abbeville Medium.

**Good Union Meeting at Plum Branch. Lawlessness Strongly Condemned.**  
The union meeting of the baby division of the Edgefield association convened at Plum Branch Saturday and Sunday. It rained on Friday, and was unlikely on Saturday, but we had a goodly attendance, all the churches being represented except one.

The organization was effected after devotional exercises by the election of Dr. D. A. J. Bell, moderator, and Mr. J. G. McKie, of Meriwether, secretary and treasurer. The subjects for discussion were then taken up, and enthusiastically discussed by the appointees, brethren G W Hamilton, J C Harvley, J M Bussey, J G McKie, Rev. L B. White and others took a prominent part in the discussions. The subject that elicited the warmest discussion possibly was: What should be the attitude of Christians towards the maintenance of law and order? which was very appropriate in view of the spirit of lawlessness prevalent in our county.

Sunday morning the Sunday school was conducted by the superintendent of Plum Branch Sunday school, Bro. John Blackwell. Plum Branch has a magnificent Sunday school; in fact, is one of the most promising fields within our knowledge. They have Bro. White for his entire time and have built him a nice home.  
In the absence of the appointee,

**Very Inclement Night.**  
In spite of the darkness and rain, Mrs. M. P. Carroll filled her engagement with the local chapter, U. D. C., Friday night. The few who braved the weather greatly enjoyed the exercises. Mrs. Carroll is a very talented lady and we trust that she can visit Edgefield again, and at a time when she will be greeted by a large audience. It has been very generally regretted that on account of the inclement weather the "Daughters" did not make a financial success of the entertainment.

**Saved From Awful Peril.**  
"I never felt so near my grave," writes Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, Ohio. R R No. 3, as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 115 pounds in spite of many remedies and the best doctors. And that I am alive to-day is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 160 pounds and can work hard. It also cured my four children of croup. Infallible for coughs and colds, its most certain remedy for grippe, asthma, desperate lung trouble and all bronchial affections, 50c and \$1.00 A trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Penn & Holstein, W E Lynch & Co.

Mrs. Payne—Mrs. Banks certainly possesses tact.  
Mrs. Hayne—What is your definition of tact?  
Mrs. Payne—Tact is a woman's ability to make her husband believe he is having his own way.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Rev. T. H. Garrett, Bro. White preached the missionary sermon at 11:40 to a packed house, and it was a fine one: earnest, strong and manly, condemning sin in whatever guise, and calling upon Christians to live the law, and send the "glad tidings" to the uttermost parts of the earth.  
The collection which followed amounted to nearly fifteen dollars, and was given to state missions.  
After a sumptuous dinner, characteristic of Plum Branch, the afternoon was given over to B. Y. P. U. work. The young Christian and his work was well discussed by Bro. B. M. Bussey of Modoc; the educational advantages of B. Y. P. U. work by Bro. J. G. McKie and the young Christian and his bible, by Dr. D. A. J. Bell.

The meeting was a good one, the people so generous and kind, that we thought of motion to meet at Plum Branch the time. The next meeting will come on the fifth Saturday of May.  
It gives us a port comes a was organized citizens of var county a few days. ed to notify a negro belonging to the McCormick company that they would be him 15 days to retire. We are also informed that the McCormick Land Co. have reported the matter to the governor who has promised to have the matter investigated by proper officials, and "we will see what we shall see."

A few years it was reported that the white people burned a negro academy near Gilgal and the people knew who they were, two of them got shot, if I mistake not, and the officials did nothing, and of course they are not expected to do anything now, because they want votes. Has it come to this?  
I do not hesitate to say, that I am opposed to lawlessness of every kind, and what we need now to uphold the majesty of the law is men—men with a backbone—men who are not afraid of anything, except to do wrong.

We don't allow the negro to have a voice in the government, we have our own courts and juries and it is as little as could be expected of a Christian civilization to give the negro the right to live, and have what he works for. The only charge brought against the negro above referred to is, I am told, that he had bought land that the company had refused to sell to a white man. Great heavens, has it come to this?  
The Stork left a little baby boy in the home of Mr. Eddie Strom, of Rehoboth, whose name we guess is William Wash Boat Strom. The mother and babe are doing well, but it is feared that Eddie, who is a great worker, will work himself to death. Report has it that the Stork left the little boy at 12 o'clock at night, and Eddie, misunderstanding, went to cutting stove wood out in the plantation. Neighbors found him and explained, and he said, well, if it's a boy, I will make him out the stove wood, and he quit immediately. This may be all a joke.  
MORE ANON.

**Won't Need a Crutch.**  
When editor J P Sossman, of Cornelius, N. C., bruised his leg badly, it started an ugly sore. Many salves and ointments proved worthless. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it thoroughly. Nothing is so prompt and sure for ulcers, boils, burns, bruises, cuts, corns, sores, pimples, eczema or piles. 25c at Penn & Holstein's, W E Lynch & Co.

Beautiful iron and enameled beds just what you need.  
Ramsey & Jones.

**Woman's Christian Temperance Union.**  
We hope that every Christian woman in Edgefield county who loves the best interests of her home and community will come to Edgefield on February 8th, reaching here promptly at 10:30 to be present at the county organization. It makes no difference how inclement the weather may be, the meeting will go on just the same, and you will be comfortable after you reach Edgefield. The church will be warm, and dinner will be served in the church, and you will be well entertained also. All those who stay away will do that much to discourage the enterprise. Come prepared to remain until Wednesday morning. Hon. Seaborn Wright of Georgia will speak under the auspices of the organization on Tuesday evening in the Opera House. This has been especially arranged for the men of our county and we cordially invite them all to come and partake of our hospitality on that occasion.  
Edgefield W. C. I. U.

**For Sale.**  
Toole cotton seed. Seventy and eighty-five cents per bushel.  
P. B. DAY,  
Trenton, S. C.

**Fertilizers for 1910**  
**The Edgefield Mercantile Co**  
Announces ready to supply the trade with commercial fertilizers of the highest and most reliable manufacturers for 1910. We have also a good supply of fertilizer materials for mixing at home. Cotton seed meal, Kainit, Sylvinit, muriate of potash, blood, top dressing and nitrate of soda. We are handling the goods of such well known manufacturers as Royster, Armour, Georgia Chemical Works, American Agricultural Chemical Co., Navassa, Macmurfury Planters, and several other high class manufacturers.  
We can furnish fertilizers for sandy land, clay lands, lands that french or rust, for corn and grain, for cotton and other crops. Call on  
Mr. A. E. Padgett or Mr. R. C. Padgett

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As our southern cotton mills are now keeping our money among us, so are southern insurance companies.  
I represent the Southern States Life Insurance Company of Alabama—a strong and reliable company—head office in Atlanta, Ga. The contracts offered by that company are not exceeded by any other.  
Give me your patronage and you will not only be building up your own section of country, but you will add both comfort and wealth to your own family.  
My office is over W. W. Adams' store, Edgefield, S. C.  
J. B. HALTIWANGER, General Agent.

**Rurrah for Miss Reel's School!**  
County Superintendent of Education A. R. Nicholson has visited a number of schools in the eastern section of the county since the beginning of the new year, and found them to be in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Nicholson says the best building and the best equipped country school in the county is the Lott school, which is taught by Miss Maggie Reel. It will be remembered that her school was the only one in the county to win one of the prizes offered by the Rural School Improvement Association.

**Too Many Worthless Dogs.**  
Great is the pity that some means can not be devised for ridding the county of worthless dogs. The half-starved, good-for-nothing dogs are usually the ones that go mad. Then they bite dogs that are highly prized by their owners, causing them to be killed. Our fellow-townsman, Mr. J. W. Cheatham, had to kill a very valuable dog last week because it had been severely bitten by a mad dog from the worthless class.

"But surely you are the man I gave some pie a fortnight ago."  
"Oh, yes, lady; I thought perhaps you'd like to know that I am now able to get about again."

**Seasonable Groceries.**  
Georgia can syrup 50c gallon.  
Hudson brand maple syrup 25c quart.  
Old process buckwheat, very best, 5c pound.  
Evaporated apricots 15c pound.  
Evaporated peaches 12 1-2c lb.  
Leggett's Nabob brand corn 15c can.  
Leggett's Nabob brand peas 20c can.  
Our stock of groceries is complete and up-to-date. Your orders will have our prompt and careful attention.  
**W. E. Lynch & Company.**