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Those who give too much attention to trifling things become generally incapable of great ones.—ROCHE-FOUCAULD.

South Carolinians must learn to be more economical. It's a useless expenditure of money to have the legislature convene for forty days each year, maintain a supreme court, pardon commission, etc., it is being repeatedly shown that one man can perform the service of the entire lot.

A very remarkable operation was performed on a man in New York recently by the removal of half of his tongue in order to relieve a cancer. Had it not been so stated, anyone would have known the victim was a man, for a woman similarly afflicted would have exclaimed: "Give me my tongue or give me death."

Reaping Good Results.

The counties that voted out whiskey are now realizing good results in the form of fewer crimes and shorter terms of court. The Walterboro Press and Standard commented last week upon the very short term of the criminal court for Colleton county, giving the absence of whiskey as the cause. The Bamberg Herald also had the following to say of the recent term in that county:

"That the criminal court of a county consumed only one day and only three cases tried, speaks well for the citizens of Bamberg. No doubt this is the shortest criminal court ever held in the state, that is, for a regular term."

In this connection, it should be borne in mind that only about three and a half days were consumed last week in clearing the criminal docket of our own county.

Good Roads Always Pay.

While the farmers of this section are apparently using more commercial fertilizers this year than usual, they have hauled the increased volume with less real expense than a smaller quantity has cost heretofore. The public roads of the county have been in a better condition since the first of January than ever before at the same season of the year. Heavy loads have been drawn with greater ease than the ordinary loads. Only yesterday the writer saw two one-horse wagons that came a distance of twelve miles loaded with five sacks each. We have seen the time when two or three sacks would have been considered a good load for such a distance. This gives some idea of the benefit of good roads.

Timely Recommendations.

Attention is directed to the report of the special committee on public buildings that is embodied in the report of the grand jury. After making a thorough examination into the condition of the jail, the committee, among other recommendations, urges that an additional stairway be constructed leading to the second story to serve as a means of escape for the prisoners in case of fire. Under the existing conditions it is felt that escape should originate at or near the stairway. Not a single recommendation concerning the jail has been made amiss and it is hoped that the proper officer will take the matter in hand and have the work thoroughly done—regardless of cost, within reasonable bounds. The jail is being well kept, but the neglected condition of the building has for several years been a reflection on the county. While they are at it, we trust that the officers will put the building and its surroundings in a first-class condition.

Important Work Begun.

In our opinion, no announcement has been made in recent years that is of greater importance to the agricultural interests than the announcement that the farm demonstration work will begin at once in this county. Realizing the great need of the work in Edgefield county, the writer conferred several times with Mr. Ira W. Williams, the director of the work in South Carolina, concerning the appointment of a county agent, urging that it be done as quickly as possible. Mr. Williams has always been willing and anxious to take the matter up but the limited appropriation caused a postponement from time to time. However, the time having arrived for an auspicious beginning, Mr. P. N. Lott of Johnston has been appointed as county agent. In selecting him, Mr. Williams has made no mistake. Mr. Lott is not only a successful farmer but ranks among the most progressive men in the county and is well fitted, in technical knowledge as well as in experience, for this special work.

Intensify—Then Diversify.

A prominent young farmer remarked, in effect, to the editor of the Advertiser a few days ago: "You will be the cause of people making more cotton than they have ever made before." Upon being asked how he arrived at such a conclusion, when we have almost incessantly urged increased corn production, he replied: "Why, you

have caused many farmers to make as much corn on three or four acres as they formerly made on ten or fifteen, acres, and now they will devote the remainder of their land to cotton.

Although this remark was made partly in jest, there is doubtless an element of real truth in it. Now if we were called upon to sum up in one word all that we have said and written on farming during the past few years it would be INTENSIFY, which, otherwise expressed, is to obtain the largest possible yield from a small area.

The largest item of expense in making a crop on our impoverished southern soil is labor, which is scarce, unreliable, and generally unprofitable. This expense, however, can be reduced in proportion that one decreases the area cultivated. Ten acres can be cultivated more cheaply than twenty, so the problem with which farmers must now grapple is, "How can ten acres be prepared, fertilized and cultivated so as to yield as large harvests as twenty acres did under the old system? We have encouraged and stimulated hundreds of farmers to adopt the intensive plan of growing corn, for by that means, they could not only produce it more cheaply, but greatly increase the yield. They have found from practical experience that it pays to grow corn upon the intensive plan. Now they should learn to produce cotton—in fact, all crops—upon the same plan. Let us urge farmers not to make the mistake of increasing the cotton acreage simply because they have found it profitable to reduce the corn acreage; on the contrary, let them diversify their farming interests. Sow more wheat, more oats, plant more peas and potatoes, make more peavine hay, enlarge the pasture and devote more time to raising hogs, colts and cattle. More attention given to stock raising will not only bring direct returns in cash, but will increase the supply of barnyard manure, which is so essential in restoring and increasing the fertility of the soil.

To those who attempted to fall into the error of increasing their cotton crop in the proportion that they have decreased their corn acreage, we would say INTENSIFY, then DIVERSIFY your farming interests.

Prize Essays Judged.

The essays which were sent in to Edgefield county's superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction Mrs. J. A. Dobej were very creditable. The largest number were written on the subject of "Alcohol and Crime" by the high school students. Mrs. Dobej very thoughtfully invited some of the W. C. T. U. members from Edgefield to go over to Johnston on Tuesday of this week to assist in judging the essays. As a result of this invitation, Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, Mrs. W. L. Duvont and Mrs. J. L. Mims went over to Johnston and assisted by Mrs. W. J. Hatcher and Mrs. C. F. Pechman of Johnston read and passed upon the essays. The whole morning was spent in trying to decide upon those which had as their theme "The effect of tobacco on the nervous system." The first prize on this subject was won by No. 1 Colliers, Miss Juddie Fanning teacher, and the second prize was won by No. 2 Colliers, Miss Adele McKie of Gardnerville school, North Augusta received honorable mention and also a prize from Meriwethers. Dobej.

Just at this time and the essays upon a very pleasant hour's diversion, where the kindly host Dr. J. A. Dobej became a part of the company. A most delightful and tempting repast was laid before the happy party and they showed their appreciation by that substantial old adage, that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating."

The reading of essays was resumed after this sumptuous repast, and a number of most creditable papers on alcohol and crime were read and criticised. The first prize was awarded No. 17000 of Johnston High school and the second to an essay sent in from Modoc not numbered, but bearing the name of Fannie Cromer. Send in the remaining names so that they may be published. No. 7 and No. 123 from Johnston High school also received honorable mention. The prizes will be publicly awarded in the respective schools as soon as names of the teachers and winners are received. Send names to The Advertiser office. The best essays on each subject will be published.

Sunflower Writes From Parksville.

Mr. Editor: Will you allow a new correspondent space in your columns this week to tell some of the news of this section?

Mrs. Robert J. Boyd and children are visiting the home of her father, Mr. W. R. Parks.

Mr. M. P. Langford is expected on Tuesday. He comes on a short visit after which he will accompany his wife and two little girls back to Tennessee. Mrs. Langford's many friends hope soon to be able to induce them to make their home among us.

Mr. R. N. Edmunds and Mr. C. Robertson will attend the state convention of W. O. W.'s in Columbia Tuesday and Wednesday. They go as the representatives of Oak Camp which is flourishing under the able management of the former.

Mrs. C. S. Tompkins returned Saturday from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Morton, of Columbia. Her many friends are rejoiced to have her home again.

Dr. W. G. Blackwell finds his practice so large that he has had to seek assistance of Dr. Lewis of North Augusta. While the climate of Parksville and vicinity is famous for its salubrity, yet, owing to a scarcity of physicians, this is a very hard section for the medical profession.

Whooping cough is giving our people some uneasiness just now. Several of our little people have had rather severe attacks. Among those just recovering are little Sanie Wilson and Harold Robertson.

The young people have been enjoying a series of whist parties, the last two having been given by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parks and Mrs. Margaret Wales respectively. Both parties afforded much pleasure and we hope others will open their homes to the pleasure seekers.

Miss Martha Dorn will leave Thursday for Spartanburg where she goes to visit her sister, Mrs. Joe Bussey. While there she will attend the Converse Music Festival. All music lovers, not so fortunate, must envy Miss Dorn.

Mr. Tom Barrett's friends will sympathize with him in the death of his sister, Mrs. Will Barrett.

This whole community was shocked last Wednesday morning by an accident which, though so frequently occurring, can never lose its horror. Conductor Ben Berford was run over by nine freight cars and his body was frightfully mangled. The accident occurred at about five o'clock in the morning. The body was carried to Augusta that evening for interment.

OBITUARY

On the morning of February 25, 1911, after months of suffering and Christian endurance, death came to the relief of sister Anna M. Coleman devoted wife of brother of I. N. Coleman, near Longmires, S. C. She was in the 57th year of her life and was born and reared in sight of Bethany Baptist church of which she had been a member since she was 15 years old. She had been married 37 years and leaves behind to mourn her death besides a loving loyal husband, 5 sons and 4 daughters, 1 brother and 3 sisters. She was a woman of strong character devoted to her home and loved ones, true to her friends and loyal to her church. But sister Coleman has gone to her reward. She will be missed in the community where she spent her life.

Surrendered by her loved ones at 1 o'clock in the morning, she quietly and peacefully fell into her eternal sleep, her soul winding its way to her Savior she had loved and revered all her days. She was buried the next day in the Bethany cemetery, Rev. S. R. Bass officiating and the large congregation present showed the esteem in which she was held in the community. God bless and comfort the sorrowing loved ones.

"Sister thou hast not before us, thy eyes are wiped from every eye."

And sorrow is unknown  
From the burden of the flesh  
From care and sin released,  
Where the wicked cease from troubling  
And the weary are at rest."

Troy, S. C., March 6, 1911.

Red Hill W. C. T. U. Holds Interesting Public Meeting.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Red Hill Baptist church held a public meeting on Sunday afternoon March 12th. The president, Mrs. Dr. W. E. Prescott read the 146 Psalm. Mr. Tom Mathis led in prayer after which the following program was very successfully carried out.

Song, There's power in the blood.  
Recitation, The rum maniac, Miss Sallie Smith.

Reading, wine is a mocker strong drink is raging, Miss Leila McCreary.

Vocal solo, Sometime, Somewhere, Mrs. W. T. Prescott.  
Recitation, The face on the floor, Miss Eileen Ouzts.  
Blackboard exercise.

The saloon is satan's trap, Mrs. W. T. Prescott.

Recitation, The experience of a bar keeper after death Mrs. J. T. Littlejohn.

Mr. Mellichamp made a very interesting talk on "The danger of taking the first drink."  
Song, Yield not to temptation.  
Closing prayer, Mr. Mellichamp.

Come to The Teachers Institute.

Beginning next Thursday the 23rd, the Sunday school institute will begin in the Baptist church. All the Sunday schools in our association are cordially invited to send representatives. Messrs. Flake, Spillman, Leavell and J. D. Moore will all probably be present. Lunch will be served at the church for all who come. Do not fail to grasp this opportunity.

NOTICE TO STOCK RAISERS.

My dark rhone stallion will make the season at my home on the Strother place four miles north of Edgefield. For general farm purposes there is no better stock.

Lee Gibson.  
Edgefield, S. C.

# THE CORNER STORE'S

## Pre Easter ...Announcement...

Monday, March 20th  
the Millinery Parlor will be  
open for inspection. A Cordial  
welcome awaits you. You will find  
there Hats of quality which bear a note of  
originality obtained only by the expert trimmer

COMBINATIONS of black and white are prominent. Another strong feature is black combined with brilliant colors--such as coral and geranium reds, Royal and king's blues, emerald and so on.

### Very Chick are the Dainty Little Turbans

and the broad sailors with their lace frilled edges, then to the hat with the abruptly turned brim is a great hit, also many beautiful flower hats will be shown you, which helps to bear out the high standard so eminently set forth by the Corner Store's millinery. We need your assistance in the maintenance of this standard. Hence it will be our earnest endeavor to serve you better than ever. Respectfully,

# THE CORNER STORE

W. H. TURNER, Proprietor

Statement of the condition of  
The Bank of Trenton

located at Trenton, S. C., at the close of business March 7, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$69,859 62
Overdrafts	1,853 24
Banking House	1,100 00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,064 51
Due from Banks and	1,189 00
Over and other Coin	327 95
Checks and Cash Items	7 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,380 46</b>
Liabilities.	
Capital Stock Paid in	\$12,500 00
Surplus Fund	1,500 00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid	6,261 51
Due to Banks and Bankers	2,090 07
Individual Deposits subject to Check	32,215 75
Time Certificates of Deposit	26,813 13
Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed	15,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,380 46</b>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD.

Before me came H. W. Hughes Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

H. W. Hughes  
Cashier  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of March 1911.  
Wm. M. Leppard,  
Notary Public S. C.

Correct Attest,  
J. C. LONG,  
J. W. BETTIS,  
S. T. HUGHES,  
Directors.

Now What Did She Mean?

At a recent wedding a baby had shrieked without intermission to the great annoyance of the guests, etc. As the bridal party was leaving the church a slight delay occurred. One of the guests seized the opportunity to say to the first bridesmaid:

"What a nuisance babies are at a wedding."  
"Yes, indeed," answered the bridesmaid, angrily. "When I send out the invitations to my wedding I shall have printed in the corner "No babies expected."—Judge.

To Preach Next Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. J. Q. Adams, the recently elected pastor of the South Main Street Baptist church, will be in the city the latter part of the week and will preach in the court house next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Adams will remain in the city for several days with a view to acquainting himself with conditions, in order that he may come to an intelligent decision about accepting the pastorate of this church—Greenwood Journal.

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8x3x3	Armour's Goods
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9x3x3	American Agricultural Chemical Co's. goods
8x4x4	Columbia Guano Co's. goods
8x4 Acid	
10x4 Acid	
13 per cent phosphate	
14 per cent phosphate	
16 per cent phosphate	

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