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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

Wednesday, August 27.

The test of every religion, political or educational system is the man that it forms.—ARIEL.

Thaw acted his part in the "conspiracy" very creditably for a "crazy" man.

The Democratic administration would make a decided hit if by some hook or crook it could break the backbone of the bagging and tie trust at this juncture.

York county has a school district named Gold Hill. If there be anything in a name, the schools in this district should have sufficient funds for running 12 months in the year.

Before entering the arena Mr. McLaurin should have his political garments thoroughly fumigated lest someone detect the odor of Standard Oil as the campaign waxes warm.

Sheriff W. J. White of Spartanburg has made an enduring name for himself. Let the next sheriff in South Carolina who says he could not hold the mob at bay hang his head in shame.

The announcement that the western corn crop is a failure does not disturb the equanimity of the farmer who has grown his corn at home, but it strikes terror to the all-cotton farmer.

It's a pity that the Sulzer impeachment proceedings and the Thaw escapade came at the same time. The great metropolitan newspapers are being overworked. Some of them are issuing as many as 10 editions in one day.

As a result of the election last Tuesday five counties returned to the county dispensary. Our prediction that these counties will yet rue the day that they returned to the sale of whiskey. It is a decided step backward.

It is generally predicted that Edgefield county will make the largest corn crop on record this year. This is delightful to contemplate, especially as everything points to very high western corn next spring.

Atlanta can now take a long breath. After four strenuous weeks the trial of Leo Frank for the brutal murder of the fourteen-year-old factory girl has ended in conviction, which seems to be a just and proper verdict.

President Wilson has borne and forborne in dealing with the Mexicans but his pacific policy may soon give place to one that is more warlike. The leading powers are pleased with his management of the situation up to this time.

The cotton seed market opening at 27 cents is an indication that there will be a good price throughout the season. As oil, lard and other similar products are unpretentiously high there seems to be good reason for a low market

The failure of the western corn crop on the one hand and the outlook for a large harvest of the cereal in the south on the other hand suggests the possibility that at some future day the cotton belt and the corn belt may both be found in Dixie.

If governors do not learn to deport themselves better in the matter of honoring requisitions for fugitives from justice, the national government will have to take the matter in hand. The people clamor for State's rights and at the same time elect men to the office of governor who are incapable of properly discharging the duties of the office.

Meeting of School Trustees.

Superintendent of Education W. W. Fuller is contemplating calling a conference of all of the school trustees in the county. It is to be hoped that he will meet with sufficient encouragement to cause him to carry out his tentative plans. Everything that brings together those who are interested in education has its weight in building up the school system of the county. The meeting of trustees from all parts of the county and the exchange of ideas and experiences that will follow will be of great value in making stronger and more progressive the weak and backward schools. Mr. Fuller is a wise and conservative leader in educational matters and we hope that he will meet with sufficient encouragement to issue a call to the trustees.

Officials Not in Harmony.

The treasury of South Carolina is practically empty. Something must be done at once to supply needed funds or the State's credit will suffer. One effort was made recently by the finance or borrowing committee to obtain the necessary money from one of the Columbia banks but owing to a misunderstanding the money was not forthcoming. The finance committee is composed of the state treasurer, the comptroller general and the governor. A meeting of the committee has been called for Friday of this week in order to make another effort to secure the money but the governor has stated that he will not attend the meeting. The official family seems to be hopelessly divided and therefore can not work together harmoniously.

Not Created in a Day.

That subtle, intangible and irresistible something which for lack of a better name we call public sentiment can not be created in a day. It requires word upon word on the part of the individual and line upon line on the part of the press to mould the popular mind and to create an atmosphere which when breathed by men moves them to action.

This was conclusively shown in some counties where a dispensary election was held last week. Some newspapers devoted column after column to creating an anti-whiskey sentiment but when the election returns came in the figures showed that their efforts had failed to reach or arouse the people. The reason is found in the fact that some of these same papers in the years gone by had created a sentiment for the dispensary and their conversion to prohibition after giving it a fair trial had been too recent for them to undo the work of their own hands. The sentiment which they created during the years of the past was stronger than that which they had endeavored to create more recently.

The Advertiser undertook practically alone the difficult task (which at first seemed hopeless) of creating an anti-whiskey sentiment in Edgefield county several years before formal steps for voting out the dispensary were taken, and the very strong anti-whiskey sentiment which exists in this county now is the work of more than a decade. Other counties should bear this in mind, and let an educational campaign precede several years an open fight upon the whiskey evil. With-

out a strong, wholesome public sentiment such an undertaking will fail. And this sentiment can not be created in a day, nor in a year even.

What Others Say

Before She "Makes Up."

If you wish to see how pretty and attractive a girl is, look at her and scrutinize every feature early in the morning before she has time to make up.—Spartanburg Journal.

Governors at Outs.

Rather a peculiar condition of affairs, isn't it, when an alleged negro murderer from one State can secure protection in an adjoining commonwealth simply because the two governors don't happen to be on "requisition terms," as it were?—Barnwell People.

Postoffice Helping Farmers.

The postoffice department is doing all that it can to put the farmer in town while he remains on the farm. It gives him mail at his door, a better delivery than the city delivery and now adds the bank to the grocery and dry-goods store. The only thing that we see yet lacking is the police and fire department.—Florence Times.

Concerning Harry Thaw.

We cannot help but be a little glad that Harry Thaw has escaped from the insane asylum. He was not insane, and he deserved to be hung or set free. It ought to be a lesson to the courts and juries. Give the man guilty of crime his medicine or let him go, do not physic him for one evil when he is afflicted with another.—Florence Times.

Commends Senator Tillman.

Marse Henry Watterson intimates that Ben Tillman is a "Daniel" come to judgment on the woman suffrage question. "Senator Tillman has made a great speech on the right side of the most momentous question of modern times," Watterson says. "All other questions pale to nothing beside it. We can better afford to have degraded and corrupt politics," he says truly, "than degraded and corrupt women."—Columbia Record.

"Lovers and Lunatics."

The New York Supreme Court says a man may lie to a woman in order to win her; that "in the state of mental exaltation accompanying courtship, statements made as to mental, moral or financial qualifications may not be too closely scrutinized, nor shall the accused be held to a strict accountability therefor." Why, of course not! How could a man ever win a woman without lying to her? Besides, the poet has long ago properly coupled "lovers and lunatics."—Columbia Record.

Smile Provokers

An American motoring through a small Scotch town was pulled up for excessive speed.

"Didn't you see that notice, 'Dead Slow?' inquired the policeman.

Course I did, replied the Yankee, "but I thought it referred to your darned little town."—London Evening Standard.

After coming home from Sunday school, Johnny's father asked: "Well, my son, what part of the sermon did you like best?" Johnny stood thinking a moment, and then said: "Well, Pa, I liked the part where they passed around the hat. I got a quarter, how much did you get?"

A little girl of seven was out having tea with a friend when a lady visitor called and took some notice of her.

"And have you any little sisters at home," the lady asked.

No, answered the child, and after a moment added, thoughtfully, "but I have two brothers at home—and they have a sister—and I'm it."

"Have you got everything?" asked the householder anxiously, as he peered at the burglar from beneath the bedclothes.

I think so.

"Did you get my daughter's fiddle."

Yes.

"Did you get my son's phonograph?"

Yes.

"My wife's bridge outfit?"

Yes.

"Her tight skirt?"

Yes.

"My mother-in-law's parrott?"

Yes.

"My daughter's camera?"

Yes.

"Well, then call at my office tomorrow morning and I'll give you \$50. You have done a good night's work."

"Right-o" replied the burglar, as he turned with his sack to climb out of the window.

Just a moment, said the householder. "Bring three or four pals to-morrow night, and take my daughter's pianola and I'll double the reward."—Chicago Journal.

Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the third division will convene with Plum Branch Baptist church August 30-31.

10:30: Devotional exercises by moderator.

11:00: Enrollment of delegates and verbal reports from each church. 1st Query: Opportunity, the measure of responsibility. C Y D Freeland, P H Bussey.

2nd Query: Our open door and what lies beyond it. R. v G M Sexton, Jno. G. McKie, Luther Timmerman.

Adjourn one hour and a half for dinner.

3rd Query: Our non-contributing members and how to enlist them. Mose Robertson, J R Bracknell, Rev. G W Bussey.

4th Query: How men should help in winning the south for Christ. B D Kitching, R M Fowler, H E Bunch.

Sunday Morning.

10:30: Devotional.

10:45: Sunday school mass meeting five minutes talks by J G McKie, J M Bussey.

Improve the Sunday school.

11:00: Missionary sermon Rev G W Bussey.

Adjourn one hour and a half for dinner.

The relation of the parent to the Sunday school. W R Leggatt, T G Talbert.

Miscellaneous till final adjournment.

S. T. Adams, For committee.

Programme.

The union meeting of the first division of the Ridge Association will be held with the Rocky Creek church, Aug. 30-31, 1913.

10.00 Devotional Exercises by the Moderator.

10.15, Is a service Spiritually helpful to those who are late, by G. W. Scott.

10.45, Is the envelope system practical and beneficial to the church, by H. B. White.

11.15, Should we not labor for, and expect souls to be saved all along the year, by P. N. Lott.

12.00, Noon hour.

1.15, Enrollment of delegates.

1.30, Are our churches of this union doing their duty to missions, by T. H. Posey.

(1) If not, why? by W. L. Coleman.

(2) What is the remedy? by Rev. King.

Sunday.

10.00 An ideal Sunday school, by Rocky Creek church.

11 00 Missionary sermon, by Rev. King.

12.00, Noon hour.

1.30, Song and praise service, by Rocky Creek S. S.

2.00, The Sunday school teacher and the class.

(1) The importance of attention, and how to attain it, by H. B. White.

(2) What to teach, by T. H. Posey.

3.30, Miscellaneous business, and adjournment.

Per Committee.

All Telegraphic Records Broken.

Robert T. Small, superintendent of the southern division of the associated press, sent out the following information to all editors of newspapers taking the Associated Press report on the Washington-Atlanta-Tampa day circuit, which includes the Columbia Record late yesterday afternoon.

"What is believed to be a world's record for continuous fast sending of telegraphic news matter was established on this circuit during August 19 and 20. On the 19th, in 344 minutes of sending time, 15,605 words were handled in the report, an average of 2,700 words an hour. On the 20th, in 344 minutes of sending time the total number of words handled was 16,032, constituting the remarkable average of 2,796 words an hour. A few years ago an average of 1,700 words an hour was considered high."—Columbia Record.

Yes, said the old man to his visitor, "I'm proud of my daughters, and it is the ambition of my heart to see them all comfortably married.

What more, he added knowingly, "I've made a bit of money in my time, so my girls won't go their husbands penniless. There's Martha, for example, 25 years old and a real good lass, I'll give her \$6,500 on her wedding day. And to Bet, you see, she has passed her 35th summer, I'll give her at any rate, \$10,000; while the man who takes Eliza can rely on taking with her at least \$25,000."

By the way, inquired the young man, "how old is Eliza?"

Forty replied the elder.

"Hum! I don't suppose you happen to have a daughter somewhere between 60 and 70?"—Chicago Tribune.

Ready For Ginning Season 1913

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