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Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly in the distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.
—CARLYLE.

Wednesday, May 12.

Despite Germany's torpedoes, President Wilson sits steady in the boat.

Another thing we should be thankful for is that the Colonel is not now in the White House.

The man who clamors loudest for war would be the last to volunteer for service.

"Germany's inhumanity to men, WOMEN and CHILDREN makes countless millions mourn."

"Italian army of 600,000 fully equipped and ready for the field"—dispatch. Not for the field of battle.

Let every American citizen give thanks daily that in this crisis we have Woodrow Wilson at the helm of the Ship of State.

Now that Germany has shown her hand, Uncle Sam may show his fist.—The State. It would probably be more than a fisticuff.

Elbert Hubbard was en route to Europe on the Lusitania to write "war stuff" but his tragic end furnished a theme for other pens.

China is the same sleeping giant that it has been these many thousands of years. The persistent proddings of Japan do not arouse it.

England says, "Germany must pay for Belgian loss." Considering England's dismal failure to make good on land and sea, is this not rather premature?

Italians may have feathers in their hats, but there are none on their legs.—The State. It can hardly be said, however, that Italy is not expecting to feather her nest.

For neutrals to engage passage on the ship of a belligerent nation after warning to the contrary had been given is about as foolhardy as would be his venturing near the rapids of Niagara in a frail bark.

If one judges the Germans by the methods adopted in wreaking vengeance upon their enemies, they are as devoid of human sensibilities as the gorilla that roams the jungles of central Africa. Their hellish methods may win temporary victories but these are more than offset by the curse incurred from the neutral peoples of the earth.

Little did the Servian university student who assassinated the Austrian duke realize that he was firing the first gun of a war that would shake the very foundations of the earth. Little did he dream that the ignition of the powder in his weapon would start a conflagration that would set the world aflame with a war that is without a parallel in all history.

Some of these times, thinking they have caught "Uncle Sam" napping, the Japs will order the urbane old gentleman to abandon the Philippines by Saturday night. Almost before we realize it, finding ourselves in the plight the Germans found France, we will have a first-class war on our hands. Would it not be the part of wisdom to let some other nation become the possessor of this elephant in the form of the Philippines?

Variest Mockery.

It is sheer mockery for the Germans, through their ambassador in Washington, to express sympathy for the loss of so many American lives on board the Lusitania. What would you think of a man who deliberately applied a torch to your home and then, after it was reduced to ashes, expressed his regret that you were without a home? Few, if any, American citizens are in a proper frame of mind to accept Germany's proffered sympathy. It mocks us.

Stand Shoulder-to-Shoulder.

We wish our friend J. Rutledge McGhee and the Johnston Times well, very well, very well indeed. It has been announced that The Times made its debut last week, but if a copy came to our desk it escaped our eye. If the good people of Johnston will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Mr. McGhee in his efforts to give them a good paper, there are good times ahead for The Times. May it be so!

Illiteracy Day.

There are so many special days observed now by the States and nation that frequently we have questioned the wisdom of adding any more to the already too long list. And yet we can not refrain from nodding assent to the proclamation of the Governor of Alabama who has set apart June 7 as Illiteracy Day. The people of Alabama are called upon to lay aside all business, both private and public, for one day and discuss plans for stamping out illiteracy from the borders of the State. A day could not be spent more profitably by any State. No more important enterprise can be undertaken than that of elevating and improving the quality of citizenship. With illiteracy removed the earning capacity of the rank and file of the citizenship is increased and a new song placed in the mouths of teeming thousands. Where illiteracy is stamped out the demagogue is shorn of his locks and the government itself placed upon a higher plane. The quality of the citizenship of a democratic government determines the quality of the government.

Were a day set apart once each year in South Carolina for the discussion of ways and means of decreasing illiteracy, good results would follow. Doubtless this innovation, so to speak, of the governor of Alabama will be watched with interest by other States that are sorely afflicted with illiteracy.

South Yet Undeveloped.

Throughout the North and a large portion of the West one finds such a net-work of railroads, both steam and electric, that the problem of marketing is comparatively easily solved. Not only is less time consumed by being near a market, but the producer can keep himself the better informed as to prevailing prices when he is located near the town in which he sells his produce or from which he ships it to larger centres.

Statistics recently given out by the agricultural department show that the average farm is 6.5 miles from market and it requires about one-half day for the average farmer to make a round trip to his market. Statistics further show that the longest hauls are in the cotton States and in the Rocky mountains. The fact that the longest hauls are in the South shows that the railroad facilities of this section are lacking, making the marketing of agricultural products more expensive.

Where railroad facilities are lacking the country will be found more or less undeveloped. The long hauls referred to in the government statistics are found in sections remote from the railroad and in these sections country life will in the main be found unattractive. Many farms are either practically abandoned or they are turned over to indolent negroes who impoverish rather than improve the soil. Wherever large areas are not traversed by a railroad of some kind it will usually be found in a primitive, undeveloped state, and not until the South is supplied with adequate railroad facilities will this section of the country prosper as it should.

Up to this time the boundless wealth that nature has stored beneath the surface of this southland of ours has been practically untouched. Owing to the undeveloped condition of this section the annual harvest is probably not more than one-tenth of a maximum or even normal harvest. Teeming millions of acres of land produce not one penny of revenue. Much arable land is yet unscarred by the plow, and lowlands and uplands that are suited only for pasturage have not had the print of a hoof upon them. The South is gradually coming into its own but the full harvest will not be garnered until the undeveloped regions are made to blossom as the rose. And this will come only when the long hauls for the farmers have been shortened by the construction of railroads through sections where the rumbling of heavy trains have not yet been heard.

Edgefield county furnishes a concrete example of the undeveloped condition in the South, due to lack of inadequate railroad facilities. It is unfortunately true that instead of a haul of 6 miles, many farmers in this county must travel 15 miles and more to market, over bad roads at that. Undeveloped land in many sections would be settled by thrifty young farmers, were life in these isolated communities rendered more attractive and the distance to the local market made shorter.

Landreth's Garden Seed.

When in need of garden seed. Irish Potatoes, Corn, Onion Sets, etc., let us supply your wants.

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What Others Say

They Don't Pay.

According to reports in the newspapers, even Columbia has learned that street carnivals are not desirable from a business standpoint.—Yorkville Enquirer.

One Eye Open.

China has agreed to the Japanese ultimatum. China may be asleep, but she has wit enough to get off the track when the train is coming.—News and Courier.

A Slow People.

Japan gave China 48 hours to make up her mind, which is a pretty short shift for a nation which has not been able to make up its mind to anything in centuries.—News and Courier.

Red Hair an Advantage.

The new editor of our morning contemporary is red-headed and we are going out of our way, if necessary, to be nice to him. We don't want any mix-ups with a red-headed man.—Anderson Daily Mail.

Bloody Gotham.

Since the first of the year there has been a murder every 46 hours in New York. Last year it was one in each 29 hours and the year before one person was killed on an average in every 26 hours.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Never Look For Trouble.

If one is looking for trouble, he is sure to find it sooner or later. This is seen on a large scale in Europe just now, for unquestionably some of the nations had been carrying chips on their shoulders for some years. But the truth is just as evident in the case of any individual who goes hunting around for a scrap.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Stamp It Out.

Typhoid fever will be less prevalent when we learn how to avoid this dreaded disease. It is now known that this fever breeds in filth and that if the breeding places of the disease germs are destroyed there will be no disease. The germs breed in filth, then get in the foods or the water and are in this way taken into the body. Let every precaution be taken to remove any danger of this disease. We can stamp out typhoid if we will. It is certainly worth while.—Farm and Ranch.

Smile Provokers

"You look tired Elsie. I'm afraid this terrible war is telling on you."
"Yes, my doctors say I must positively stop attending any more Red Cross balls."—Life.

Where's your little brother?
He hurt himself.
How?
We were seeing who could lean out of the window the farthest, and he won.

"Charles, you're spending too much money this year. Too many dances, too many clothes, too many taxis, too many—"

"Well, father, I'll tell you how I look at it. It seems to me that every family ought to be able to support one gentleman."—Cornell Widow.

"Is the lady of the house in?"
inquired the gentlemanly agent.

"No, replied the lady's husband, wiping his hands on the kitchen apron he wore. She's gone to a suffrage meeting."

"Then I guess you're the party I want to see. I have here a patent dishwashing machine, especially adapted to the use of men who do their own housework."

A youth in a passenger coach persisted in sticking his head and shoulders out of the window. The brakeman touched the youth on the back. "Better keep your head inside the window," advised the man. "I kin look out of the window if I want to, answered the youth."
"I know you can, warned the brakeman, but if you damage any of the ironwork on the bridges, you'll have to pay for it."—Life.

Mrs. Jones bought a chicken at the family butcher shop and after embellishing it with bread crumbs, celery, cranberry sauce and other glad things she proudly set it before the head of the family.

"What is the matter, John, asked the young wife, with an anxious look as hubby laboriously carved the bird and began to apply it to his appetite. Isn't the chicken all right?"

"Why, yes, I guess he is all right, dear, was the hesitating response of father. But I fear he was a very great coward."

"A great coward? returned the perplexed wife. What do you mean?"

"Don't they say, Mary, smilingly replied the old man, that the bravest are always the tenderest?"—Houston Chronicle.

Union Meeting.

Union meeting of 3rd division meets with Bethlehem Baptist church May 29-30. Meeting called to order 11:00. Devotional service by moderator. Enrollment of delegates and reports from each church.

Queries.

1st, Are the different mission boards using the money to the best advantage, L. G. Bell and J. C. Morgan.

2nd, To what extent is a Christian responsible for the salvation of his neighbor, J. C. Harley, Rev. G. W. Bussey.

Adjourn for dinner 12:30.

3rd, What does the scripture teach us as to Christian assurance, W. R. Leggat, P. H. Bussey.

4th, Is the mission spirit growing in our churches as they become informed on the needs of the boards. Rev. P. B. Lanham and Bro. Warren.

5th, Why is the missionary Baptist making a greater growth than the Primitive Baptist in the last decade, Jno. G. McKie, W. R. Parks.

Sunday morning Sunday school at regular hour 10:30.

6th, Are we getting what we should from our union meetings, S. T. Adams, Thos. McAlister.

Missionary sermon by Rev. Mr. Warren.

Adjourn for dinner.

7th, What attitude should Christians take in the prohibition election in this State in September, Dr. W. G. Blackwell.

8th, How does the spiritual condition of our churches compare with their material prosperity, T. G. Talbert, J. M. Garnet.

H. E. Bunch,
For Committee.

Religious Notices.

"The Lusitania."

This coming Sabbath we will discuss God's providence and the destruction of the Lusitania. Presbyterian church at 11:30. If your theological teeth are not sound, you had better not come; for we are going to give you some strong meat to chew.

Children's Day services will be held at Trenton Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 2, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 2, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 15, 1915. For further information and catalogue, address

Pres. D. B. JOHNSON,
Rock Hill, S. C.

Notice of Final Settlement and Final Discharge.

State of South Carolina,
County of Edgefield.

Whereas, Mrs. Annie E. Rives has made application unto this Court for final discharge as administratrix in re the estate of James U. Rives deceased, on this the 10th day of May, 1915.

These, Are Therefore, to cite any and all kindred creditors, or parties interested, that said administratrix will make a full and final settlement of said estate in my office on 10th day of June, 1915. And will ask at said time and place for final discharge, as said administratrix of said estate, and you are hereby required to show cause before me in my office at Edgefield, South Carolina, at said time why said order of discharge should not be granted.

W. T. KINNAIRD,
Probate Judge E. C.

May 10, 1915.

Classified Column.

FOR SALE—Lookout Mountain Irish potatoes for seed at \$1.50 per bushel. 80 bushels grown on one-quarter of an acre. R. A. Wash, Parkville, S. C.

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and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.—2



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