

State News.

The Governor has signed all the bills which have been submitted to him.

Dr. R. F. Smith has announced his candidacy for Congress from the Third District.

After April 1st, the office of the Railroad Commissioners will be in the State house.

Revenue raiders destroyed a 200 gallon distillery for moonshine whiskey in Pickens, S. C.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the State militia to visit the Charleston Exposition.

A whole family was rendered unconscious by the escape of coal gas in their residence in Columbia last week.

N. J. Craig, assistant engineer of the steamer S. T. Morgan, fell overboard at Beaufort and was drowned last week.

Safe crackers blew open the safe of S. J. Taylor, a merchant at Greenville, S. C., and secured over \$700, a part of it in gold.

The residence of Mrs. J. A. Farley, on Sumter street in Columbia, was destroyed by fire on the 19th. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

The affairs of the Gaffney Carpet Company are said to be in a bad state of affairs and it is thought that the stockholders will lose every dollar put in it.

Columbia is in the throes of a heated municipal election in which the working men will be an important and leading factor in deciding the results.

A negro named Bristol Givers died in the jail at Beaufort Sunday of last week. He was charged with desecrating graves in the cemetery of that place.

Maxey Lee, white, a convict in the South Carolina Penitentiary, is said to be an experienced physician of ability and rare intelligence. He is a patricide, however.

The Knights of Pythias of this State had their big day at the Charleston Exposition on the 19th. About 1,000 Knights marched in the parade and they made a good showing.

C. Bero, a grocery merchant of Beaufort, is financially embarrassed and has been forced to the wall. A failure to promptly collect outstanding bills is assigned as the reason.

Monday evening of last week the girls of Wintrop College was given a great musical treat in the shape of a pianoforte lecture-recital by Edward Baxter Perry, the world's famous musician.

A large syndicate of Eastern capitalists are seeking to get control of the rice lands on the Santee and around Georgetown. They have already secured options on large plantations.

The Odd Fellows of South Carolina will celebrate in Charleston on May 13th. The grand lodge will be in session at that time and delegations from every lodge in the State are expected to be present.

The grand and petit jurors for the term of the United States Court, which meets in Florence on the first Tuesday in March, have been drawn. No person has been drawn from this county to serve on either jury.

Dr. Evans, Secretary of the State Board of Health, says that he has more small pox on hand in the State now than ever before since it became epidemic. He has sent thousands of points for vaccination to Cheater and other infected centers.

A tramp printer answering to the name of G. J. Read committed suicide at White Oak, in Kershaw county, on the 19th inst., by throwing himself under a moving train on the Seaboard Air Line. His body was horribly mangled.

The members of the national railroad commissioners and lady friends stopped over in Columbia, while on their way to Florida, last week. The gentlemen expressed themselves as being delighted with the outing and with their reception in South Carolina.

I take great pleasure in giving the very highest testimonial to Dr. Baker's Blood and Liver Cure. I used it in 1895 Inflammatory Rheumatism. I was severely afflicted with the disease and tried my family physician, in addition to various remedies, without effect. I procured some of the above medicine, and before using a bottle of it I could walk without my crutches, and by the time I had used a bottle and a half, I felt entirely well, and have not suffered any since. I cheerfully recommend it, and believe it will do all its proprietors claim for it.

Respectfully, E. O. Mastin, Deputy Collector of Wilkes County, N. C. Feb 22, 1898. For sale at the Bazaar.

HE HAD EARS.

And General Logan Told the Kind That They Were Not.

General John A. Logan once relieved an embarrassing situation as promptly as he ever vanquished a foe.

His jet black locks combed down smooth over his cheeks and cut across in a straight line at the base of the neck under two sharp corners, one on either side his head, whose chon folds totally concealed his ears.

Once when a transient guest at a hotel he was seated in the dining room opposite a lady and her little daughter of four or five years. Well bred silence was preserved, but the child looked "Black Jack" over with interest. What passed in her mind became apparent when, after a week's absence, he was again seated at the table with the same lady and her daughter. In the interim the general had had his hair so cut that it exposed the lower part of the lobe of his ears. Hardly was he seated in his chair before the child's eyes were fairly glued upon him. She wriggled in her seat, then hitched her mother's arm violently and said in a stage whisper:

"Mamma, he has got ears. I can see them."

"Yes," exclaimed General Logan, with a twinkle in his eye, "I have got ears, my little maid, and they hear."

The child's mother blushed crimson and attempted to stammer out an apology, but the general turned to her and said, with a smile that rendered his swarthy features radiant:

"Madam, pray do not distress yourself. I can assure you they are not asses' ears."—New York Times.

Tramps' Directions.

Take the one single incident of direction for rendezvous, memoranda, etc., on water tanks and in stations. I have looked for such with but very small success, considering the bulk of the legends about them, though I have found them. And, although very striking cases of selection among houses for begging purposes have come under my notice, I have never yet found a perfectly authentic instance of designating mark. When, therefore, the residence of my friend, A. L., was visited regularly, and that of his next door neighbor, P. B., a lawyer, neglected, and that of his opposite neighbor, Sheriff A. M., shunned, I am confident it is all due to oral communication.

And it shows what was possible in the days before the telegraph and newspaper that when my friend Judge S.'s patience finally broke down, and from being the defender of tramps in court and their feeder at home he told one of them to let it be known from Hartford to Boston that he "would arrest the next one that came to his door," inside of forty-eight hours the plague had ceased.—Independent.

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NECESSITY FOR SMILES.

A Discourse on the Desirability of a Happy Countenance.

Certain kindly disposed persons are in the habit of advising mankind in a phrase peculiar to photographers to "look pleasant" whatever be their state and condition and to insist that even aching hearts should be carried beneath smiling countenances. Yet just as there are people who object to those regions where perpetual sunshine prevails and where clouds and storms are unknown, so there are those who would find monotonous an ever cloudless countenance. As an antidote to melancholy Keats suggested that when one's beloved exhibited some "rich anger" to

Imprison her soft hand and let her rave And feed deep, deep upon her peerless eyes.

Of course there are smiles more heartrending than tears and tears more cheering than smiles, while the Cheshire cat variety of expression is pleasant to the point of exasperation. The smile upon the face of Leonardo da Vinci's celebrated Monna Lisa is unendurable to some people, while over others it casts a spell not to be resisted. It is said that the American feminine countenance is one that leans toward smiles, and if foreign testimony is to be trusted there is cause for a smiling complacency in the demonstrated facts that American women are the best dressed as well as the most independent and problem free of all women. To have the right things on one's body and the wrong things off one's mind is certainly to be as happy as it is possible for womanhood to be. But as for the necessity for smiling in all situations and under all circumstances that must rest with the individual, who will probably decide that he will look as he feels and smile when he pleases.—Chicago Tribune.

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A Curious Sense That Plants Have.

Francis Darwin, speaking before the members of the British association at Glasgow, said that a pine tree grows straight upward because it possesses a gravitation sense. A plant which grows in a curve in order to assume the position best suited to its needs also exhibits a perception of gravitation. Some flower stalks are very curiously guided by the gravitation sense. The common narcissus is an example. At first there is a straight shaft piercing the ground with its compact pointed flower bud. "But as the flower opens the stalk bends close to the top and brings the flower tube into a roughly horizontal position, where it shows off its brightly colored crown to the insects that visit it. The flowers are guided to the right position by the gravitation sense, and they increase or diminish the angular bend in their stalk till the right position is attained."

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Be Careful of Geography.

When you are writing a novel, don't get your geographical facts so badly mixed as to reflect discredit upon your early training. In one popular novel the Azores are referred to as in a southern latitude. The writer also introduces his hero into the antarctic regions in January and speaks of the "inky blackness" of the nights he experienced there. Of course anybody ought to know that the month of January is the height of the antarctic summer, and the entire month is one continuous day.

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