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We have a considerable sum of money due us on subscriptions which we stand greatly in need of. Some of this money is due from subscribers who are behind one, two, three or more years. We now give fair warning to those of our subscribers who are in arrears that the state of our pocket book is such that we cannot afford to carry them longer and unless they show a disposition to settle by paying a portion, if not all, their indebtedness we will be forced to drop their names from our books. This is fair warning and we trust that it will be promptly heeded.

The Editor is absent from town this week in the interest of the Dispatch and during his absence this writer does not feel justified in replying to the recent editorial utterances of the Columbia State in reference to Lexington county and its people. On his return the Editor will no doubt give these unwarranted, unfair and venomous attacks due consideration.

The Legislature.

The General Assembly of South Carolina met in annual session in Columbia Tuesday.

The usual presentation of credentials and swearing in of members was gone through with, after which the following officers were elected:

The House was reorganized by the election of M. L. Smith, of Kershaw, as Speaker, defeating T. Y. Williams, of Lancaster. J. S. Wilson, of Lancaster, was elected sergeant-at-arms and J. S. Withers, of Chester, reading clerk.

Representatives Morgan, Tatum and Patterson were appointed a committee to escort the new speaker to the chair and he was then sworn in.

The rules of the last house were then adopted until further notice.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the hall of the house was ordered turned over to the South Carolina Bar Association Friday afternoon and evening for their annual meeting.

A special message was received from the Governor announcing the death of Chief Justice Henry McIver and the house was notified to take such action as it might deem proper, and the following committee was appointed to attend, with the senate committee, the funeral services of the dead Chief Justice: Messrs. Patterson, Mauldin, Thomas, Whaley and Moses. As a mark of respect the house then adjourned until this morning.

The Columbia Record says there was no unusual features about the opening session of the senate Tuesday, the only thing out of the ordinary being the swearing in of new members and the election of officers. Lieutenant Governor Tillman paid an eloquent and feeling tribute to the memory of the late Chief Justice and referred to the material progress of the State. He said if he had to write the name of the man who was responsible more than any other for this progress he would write the name of F. W. Wagener.

Senator Shappard was re-elected President pro tem.; General Hemphill, clerk; Mr. Stewart, reading clerk, and Mr. Schumpert sergeant-at-arms without opposition. Dr. Darby was elected chaplain by a vote of 27 to 12.

The following appointments were made at the request of Lieutenant Governor Sloan: R. M. McCown, assistant clerk; Tillman Burch, journal

clerk; H. D. Butler, bill clerk; J. R. Boulware, J. E. Watson, J. F. Gooding, door keeper; James P. McGorty, J. A. White, keepers of committee room; E. B. Jenkins, keeper of President's room, G. Duncan Bellinger, Jr., H. J. Fetter, pages; Robert Adams, porter; Jack Pressly, Albert Nance, servant; N. O. Pyles, mail carrier.

The committee appointments were then made, one extra being formed to be known as the dispensary committee, to whom all matters relating to the dispensary will be referred.

The Governor's message was then read at the conclusion of which the senate adjourned.

While King Alfonso was returning from church on January 10th, in company with his mother, Queen Christina, some one fired into one of the carriages of the royal procession. The bullet went wild and no one was hurt. It is presumed that the bullet was intended for the King. The police arrested the would-be murderer who gave his name as Feito. Several letters marked "registered" and addressed to President Roosevelt, King Edward, the Emperor of Germany and the President of the High Court of Justice, in Mexico, were found on his person.

The Board of construction of the navy department has recommended that William Camp & Sons be awarded the contract for constructing the cruisers Tennessee and Washington. Their bid was the lowest, being \$4,000,000 for each vessel, and the vessels to be completed in 36 and 39 months, respectively. Uncle Sam evidently believes in the axiom "in times of peace prepare for war."

The Venezuelan commission will assemble in Washington in about ten days and it is expected that the United States will have to provide accommodations for the members. "Signor Major Des Planches, the Italian ambassador at Washington, is by virtue of seniority, entitled to preside. It is probable that the English will be the language use as a medium of communication in the proceedings.

The poor people of Juiscola, Ill., are undergoing untold suffering from the intense cold. On the 13th inst the populace became frantic and seized ten car loads of coal and distributed it among the sufferers. The mayor refused to interfere and the measure is sanctioned by the Board of Health.

Chief Justice McIver, of the State Supreme Court, died at his home in Cheraw Monday after a protracted illness. He has been a great sufferer for some months. He was a pure jurist and an able statesman. The Legislature which is now in session will elect his successor.

Elbert H. Aull, of Newberry, has resigned as private Secretary to Governor McSweeney, he having been elected and sworn in as a member of the House of Representative from that county.

The City Council of Columbia last night granted street franchises to the Lexington and Columbia Electric railway, upon what conditions, if any, we have not been informed.

Dissatisfaction in the Mail.

The delay of the mails is becoming a grievous affliction and an injury to business. It is time that some other arrangements were made. If this is permitted to continue much longer it will pay the business men and others to chip in and hire some one to bring their mail from Columbia. By not hard driving the mail can be brought from that place within two hours after its delivery to the carrier. We direct the attention of our Congressman to this matter so that he can find a remedy, if there is one, for his greatly afflicted and long suffering constituency.

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Possibly the dog world might afford a better specimen of a living skeleton than one in the kennel next to the door of a boarding place for animals, but it would take a day's journey to find him.

"What's makes him so thin?" was asked of the attendant.

"He won't eat," was the reply—"that is, he won't eat hospital food. He's been spoiled. Lots of dogs and cats that are brought here have been spoiled. Their owners think it is a sign of high breeding to cultivate an appetite for a peculiar and unnatural diet. They train animals to eat all kinds of food that they would never touch of their own volition. This emaciated fellow has been taught to like fruit. He is particularly fond of pears; but, in case he can't get them, peaches, apples and bananas are a fairly satisfactory substitute. Unfortunately, his present ailment makes a fruit diet extremely dangerous, and since he is deprived of his favorite food he is literally starving himself to death."

The attendant passed on to a neighboring cage and poked his finger slyly into the side of a large gray cat that "meowed" plaintively in response to his cheery "Hello, there, Caesar!" The cat had such a healthy, wholesome appearance that the visitor inquired what meat he was fed upon. "Humph!" said the attendant. "You've missed it there. He doesn't feed upon meat. He's a vegetarian. He likes onions better than anything else, unless it's melons. A good many cats like melons, and most of them are also partial to raw asparagus. The fact is you might run through a list of all the dishes that find a place on any up to date menu and you will find that some of our patients have acquired a taste for them. This epicurean appetite may denote aristocratic tendencies on the part of my boarders, but I don't approve of it. Most of these acquired tastes are a perversion of the natural animal appetite, and it is likely to prove harmful in the end. The trick is pretty expensive for us fellows that run cat and dog boarding houses, and I'd like to put a stop to it."—New York Times.

APHORISMS.

Liberalism consists rather in giving seasonably than much.—Cicero.

Labor is the divine law of our existence; repose is desertion and suicide.—Mazzini.

Unbecoming forwardness oftener proceeds from ignorance than impudence.—Guville.

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand.—Bovee.

Every one complains of the badness of his memory, but nobody of his judgment.—Rochefoucauld.

He who has no inclination to learn more will be very apt to think that he knows enough.—Powell.

It is not what he has or even what he does which expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.—Amiel.

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.—Longfellow.

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives and property, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.—Penn.

Cats of Ancient Egypt.

By some persons the popularity of the cat in Egypt has been attributed to the fact that the animal was valuable in ridding the palaces of rats and mice and also in hunting fowls. There are several paintings in the British museum, executed by ancient Egyptian artists, representing Egyptian sportsmen in boats on the river Nile, accompanied by large cats, sitting on their launches in the stern. Other pictures show the cats swimming with birds in their mouths after the manner of retriever dogs. These pictures have greatly perplexed modern naturalists because the cat of today has a strong aversion to water, and it is difficult to reconcile such different traits even after the lapse of thousands of years.

Food We Ought to Eat.

It has been said that a man should be in very good health if he takes no more than three different kinds of food at any one meal. It should be served as nearly as possible in its simple state. More food is required on a damp, raw, cold day than on a cheerful, dry one.

As a rule, it is safe to assume that what we crave for is best for us, though in cases of illness this point should not be strictly adhered to.

Men require a good deal more food than women; those who work hard more than those who lead a sedentary life; those who are growing more than those who have reached maturity.

Alleged Safe Blowers.

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marvelous yarns of the extravagance of some of these worthies, how they would throw out a greenback in payment of drinks and then refuse the change, how they spent their money on men and women whom they fancied. Such acts as these would tend to show that these men, if guilty of the charges preferred, have been living in Columbia for months and had become venturesome in their fancied security.

The government men who have been working on the case are very complimentary in their references to Chief Daly and the way in which he engineered the case. Officers Strickland and Thackbam, the city's detectives, are also receiving due credit for their services in spotting and shadowing the alleged crooks. No bank or post office in South Carolina has been secure in late months, and if these are the guilty parties who have committed so many depredations, the State is well rid of them and the officers are indeed to be praised.

The recent robberies were not confined to the taking of money. The crooks know how to use "stickers" as they denominate postage stamps. There is a "fence" or confederate of supposed respectability in some large city who sells the stolen stamps to wholesale houses, etc.

MORE ARRESTS MADE

Six white men were arrested in Charleston Saturday on the charge of being implicated in the recent safe and postoffice robberies. The men, who gave their name Toff Waite, Tony Beck, Will Gordon, Robt. Osborne, Geo. Wilson and T. A. Goodwin, were searched and questioned, and as nothing of a suspicious nature could be found they were released at once. The arrests were made at the request of Messrs. Gregory and Pulsipher, the inspectors who have been working on the case.

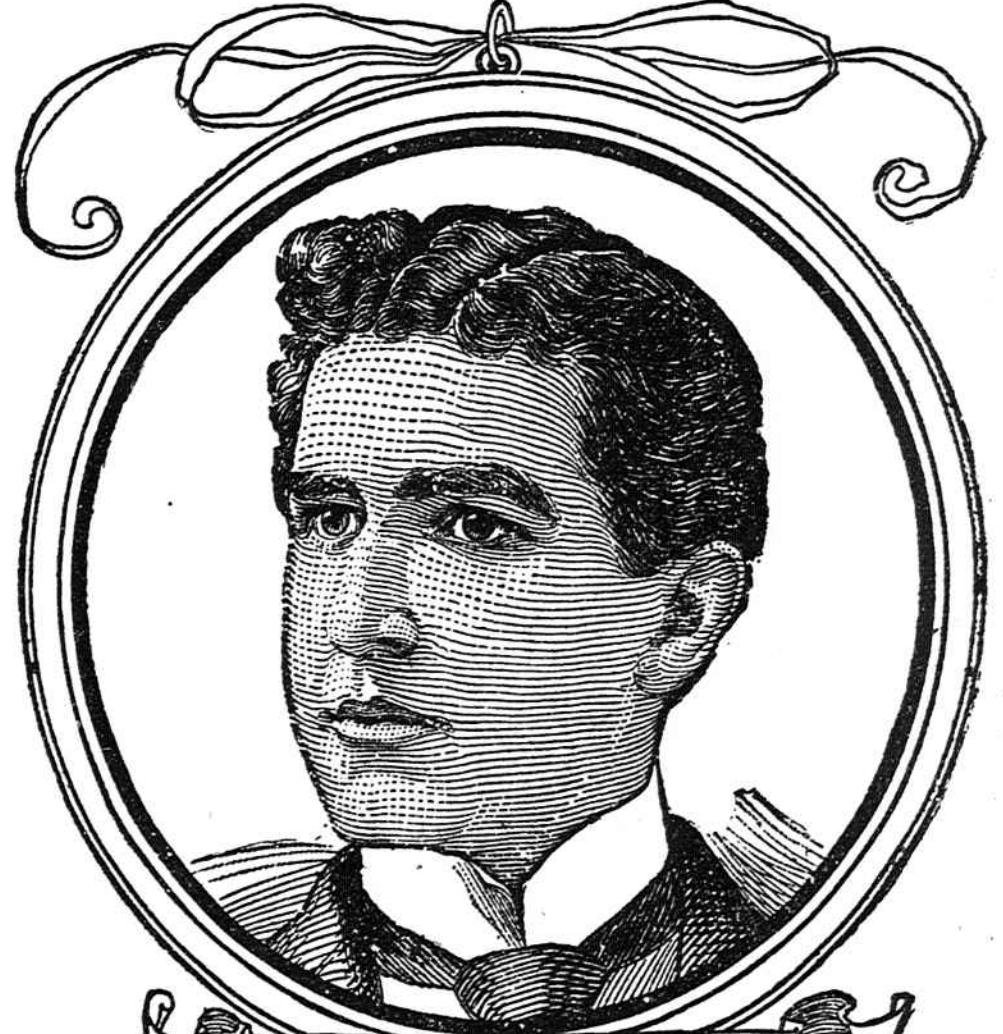
The News and Courier says: Inspectors Gregory and Pulsipher believe there are other members of the gang at large. Inspector Gregory came to Charleston Friday night from Columbia and his assistant, Mr. Pulsipher, arrived here yesterday morning. The police department had six white men under surveillance, but there was nothing suspicious about their bearing, except that they were shabby looking strangers without apparent means of support. The chief declined to arrest them on so flimsy a pretext unless the two inspectors insisted on such action. Inspector Gregory directed that the men be taken into custody and subjected to a rigid search. This was done, but, so far as could be ascertained, the six prisoners were merely inoffensive specimens of the genus hobo. They were badly frightened and, of course, denied strenuously any knowledge of burglaries or robberies that had been committed. They were given their liberty at about 2 p. m. and were not at all tardy in betaking themselves to a more hospitable section of the country.

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Sheriff Caughman left this morning for Newberry after Willie Drafts, an escaped convict from the chain gang of this county.

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