

Swansea's Doings.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Since the return of friend Ogilvie to The Dispatch office your humble scribe will send you some items of life and doings here and the country around, as Mr. Ogilvie has had some bitter experience in trying to translate this scribe's scratching for your readers.

Well, Swansea is still here and rich in experience and the farmers around this year are plum full of bad luck, but by another year of prosperity we will forget the dead past.

Mrs. James E. Gantt is in from Pulaski, Florida, where Jim is now hotel keeping and Madam Rumor says is doing well and all the family pleased.

W. B. Rast has contracted to rebuild a large colored high school academy at Denmark, S. C., which was lately burned by fire. Mr. Burford from Swansea, a very competent architect, is his "boss carpenter."

The graded school will close after another week's teaching. The trustees had to take a large portion of the school fund for this session to build a school house since the burning of the old one. The three lady teachers who have conducted the school this year have made a success of it and Miss Isabella Brooker and Miss Thorne as co-principals, and Miss Owens as assistant, deserve the thanks of the patrons.

Mrs. P. E. Hutto has added a nice line of new millinery goods recently to her stock.

Mrs. Cykes, lately from Blackville, has opened up a new store of millinery and also dressmaking, an additional interest in Swansea's trade.

Dr. Langford has finished and moved into his new drug store.

Mr. J. C. Reynolds has gone into mercantile business here also and is doing a good trade.

Hon. W. H. F. Rast is again able to give his time to his business.

Mr. George Bell Timmerman, of the Lexington Bar, is in town looking after his interest.

Fifteen cents cotton is an inspiration and many an old lank face now looks many years younger, and many hearts brighter for it and some breath naturally who for some time only caught long breaths, but our skies can't be always cloudless nor can our suns shine always bright. But today we behold a day of push and prosperity never equalled by America before and even now there are calamity howlers.

L. P. Smith still sits as supreme judge of our court to settle the disputes of his neighbors and keep the lawless under subjection.

Spectator.

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G. W. Croft.

Washington, March 10.—Col. Croft died at 7:30 this morning from blood poisoning.

The blood poisoning was caused, primarily, by a splinter in a finger of the left hand. This brought forth an abscess and a result of it was that blood poisoning set in. Col. Croft was much better up to a day or two ago and it was confidently expected that he would soon be out again.

The following sketch is given of him in the Congressional Directory:

"George William Croft, Democrat of Aiken, was born in Newberry county, S. C., December 20, 1846; his early education was at the common schools in Greenville, S. C. In 1863 he entered the South Carolina Military academy, at Columbia; in 1864 the cadets of that institution were placed in the Confederate army, and continued to serve until the close of the civil war; in 1866 and 1867 Mr. Croft attended the University of Virginia; he subsequently studied law under Governor B. F. Perry, at Greenville, and was admitted to the bar in 1869, and in 1870 located at Aiken, where he has continuously practiced his profession. Mr. Croft has been a member of the South Carolina senate, and served two terms in the house of representatives of that state; was also twice elected president of the South Carolina bar association; was married to Florence McMahon, of Alabama, April 17, 1874; was elected to the fifty-eighth congress, receiving 5,134 votes to 247 for W. S. Dixon, Republican."

Col. Croft was a most eloquent man, and lawyer of great success in the advocacy of cases he undertook. The most important criminal case he has been engaged in recently was as the leading attorney for C. J. James H. Tillman, charged with the murder of N. G. Gonzales. He and Col. Tillman were law partners and personal friends before the tragedy, and Col. Croft threw his whole soul in the defense of Tillman.

He had not filled out his first term in Congress having been chosen in the last election. He would have been a candidate again this summer and would have been opposed by L. J. Williams.

Governor Heyward today sent a letter of condolence to Congressman Croft's son.

The law in regard to a successor says that the Governor shall issue a writ ordering an election for the people to state their choice. This, of course, has not been done yet and will not until after the funeral.

Both houses of Congress adjourned in respect to the memory of the dead congressman. The following committees were appointed to accompany the remains to Aiken for interment: On the part of the House.—Messrs. Finley, South Carolina; Aiken, South Carolina; Johnson, South Carolina; Legare, South Carolina; Scarborough, South Carolina; Lever, South Carolina; Loudenstager, New Jersey; Patterson, Pennsylvania; Richardson, Louisiana; McLain, Mississippi; Houston, Delaware; Sibley, Pennsylvania; Weiss, Wisconsin, and Jackson, Ohio. From the Senate.—Messrs. Tillman, Limer, Fulton, Clarke of Arkansas, and McLaurin.

French Army Scandal.

Paris, March 10.—A non-commission officer has been arrested on the charge of trying to sell secret information about the French navy to Japan. A woman is said to be implicated. The government denies the story.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Some people instead of praying for grace should pray for grit.

War on England to Come From Russia.

Berlin, March 10.—The Tageblatt today asserts that the conviction prevails in government circles in Russia that war with England is inevitable, as a result of the present Japanese war. Russia is actively preparing to strengthen her defenses on the Baltic coast. The minister of marine has asked the inhabitants of the Finnish island Kallin to leave the entire island to be prepared for fortifications. Prince Ushlowsky, the czar's confidential adviser, is quoted as saying that a Russian attack on India is imminent.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia.

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribed it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by The Kaufmann Drug Co.

The advisability of placing boards of control and dispensers among the list of officers to be nominated in the primary election, is being mooted in certain quarters. While we realize the great danger in mixing politics and whiskey, yet as we are living under a democratic form of government where it is presumed that "the voice of the people is the voice of God," we see no very objectionable reason why the people could not be trusted to select their own county board of control and dispensers. If they are unfit to select the first it follows as a natural sequence that they are unfit to select the other State and county officers. If not why not?

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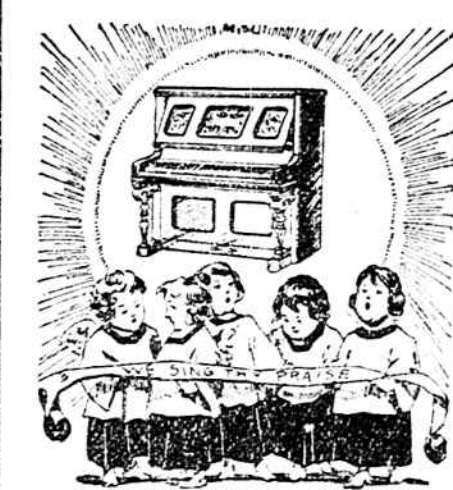
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