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WALHALLA, S. C.

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CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Yesterday's election gives to Walhalla a complete change of administration of local affairs. The new officials will, we presume, be ready to assume control at once, and the old administration is ready to step aside and turn the reins over to their successors.

For the new administration we ask the united, loyal backing of every citizen. Walhalla is too big a town to permit of anything but a united pull for her advancement and steady work for her upbuilding on all lines.

The Courier stands ready, as it always has, and as it always will, to assist in every move for the advancement of the town's interests, and the new administration will have our loyal and hearty support in its every move for Walhalla's good.

The New York Institute of Arts and Science has voted to drop Dr. Cook from its membership. This may be termed handing the Doctor a lemon—and recent events would indicate that he's gathering a big crop.

President Taft has summarily dismissed Gifford Pinchot, and the latter announces to the press of the country that he has nothing to say. All of which inspires us with a spirit of admiration and respect for Gifford. We always admired the other little boy that the cow ran over.

The Anderson Intelligencer objects not a bit to being likened to Ananias and Munchausen. "But," remarks our friend, "when we are kicked in the ribs with a comparison to Dr. Cook, we sit up on our hind legs and let out a roar." He evidently likes the old masters. Not only are Ananias and Munchausen entirely acceptable to him, but he goes so far even as to attempt to put into practice of Aesop's fables. The bray is seldom mistaken for a roar.

Woman Robbed and Poisoned Man.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 10.—W. H. Helman, who died early to-day in his room at the Plaza Hotel, was poisoned in Chicago by a woman with whom he came to Terre Haute on a train last night, according to the statement of Coroner Leavitt. Helman left a letter for the chief of police charging the woman with his murder. He added that she had confided on her way to New Orleans. In Helman's letter he says that she probably would go to No. 1229 Pappert street, New Orleans. Helman was found by a hotel attendant this morning lying on the floor in his room. He died soon afterwards.

Helman explained in his written statement that the woman he charged with his murder came to him during the holidays and assisted him in his jewelry store. She left with \$500 worth of jewelry, he said, and he followed her to Indianapolis and Chicago. He found her in Chicago, and she promised, he said, to give the jewelry to him if he would return with her to Terre Haute.

Helman, in describing the woman, said she had been engaged in the "white slave" traffic in Chicago, Memphis and other Mississippi river cities. Called Poison "Sugar."

In a paragraph in his letter to the police Helman says:

"She tried to poison me in a restaurant. I caught her trying to put something into my coffee, but she said that she was just going to put the sugar in for me. Coming down on the train she stole between \$75 and \$85 from me, and when she found out that I missed it, she admitted that she had it, and said that she would give it to me when we got to Terre Haute."

Cotton Breaks \$1.00 Per Bale.

New Orleans, Jan. 10.—One of the wildest days of trading that was ever recorded on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange was noted to-day, following the census bureau's report on the amount of cotton ginned up to January 1. This report was regarded as decidedly bullish, and the first tendency of the market was to go up. The active deliveries first advanced \$1 a bale, and then under an avalanche of selling orders, which increased rapidly in volume, slumped off, and finally broke \$2.50 a bale. Partial recoveries were made on profit-taking by shorts, but the market was unable to withstand the terrific hammering of the bears, and at one time went as low as 116 points below the high levels of the day. The close showed the old crop positions 80 to 91 points below last week's closing, a loss ranging from \$4 to \$4.50 per bale.

The project of the Cape Cod Canal now under construction antedates the Revolutionary war.

KILLS THREE, COMMITS SUICIDE

Texas Slays Wife, Son and Daughter and Wounds Niece.

Ballinger, Texas, Jan. 9.—F. B. Kimbler, a prominent farmer living in the northern part of this county, killed his wife, his six-year-old son and three-year-old daughter, seriously wounded his niece, aged 20, and ended his own life by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife, at daylight this morning. Kimbler had been in bad health for a couple of months, but got up at the usual time this morning and was assisting his wife in making the fires. He stepped out and secured a hatchet, ostensibly to cut kindling. Returning to the room, where his wife was starting the fire, with the hatchet in his hand, he said: "Wife, we have all got to go," and split her head open with one blow of the hatchet. Going over to the bed where the children were asleep, he battered their brains out with the hatchet, and going to his niece's room, he struck her several blows on the head and arms. By this time a young man, a nephew of Kimbler, was aroused and he and the badly wounded young woman made their escape. Returning to the room where his wife lay unconscious on the floor, Kimbler used a pocket knife to end his own life. Mrs. Kimbler and the baby lived for five or six hours, but the six-year-old boy was instantly killed. The young woman is in a serious condition and her recovery is doubtful. Kimbler has been living in this county for a number of years, was a successful farmer, a county officer in the Farmers' Union and was intelligent and popular with his neighbors.

Northern Praise for "Dixie."

(Chicago-Record Herald.)
The chief of the division of music of the Library of Congress has announced that "Dixie" is the first of American songs in "patriotic popularity." Perhaps its claim will be contested on sectional grounds, but it had a very innocent origin, and it has given most pleasing evidence of the return of good feeling since the close of the war of the rebellion. Wherever it is sung or played in the Northern States it calls forth expressions of friendliness toward the South. The applause with which it is greeted proves beyond doubt that the old animosities belong completely to the past and that there is the strongest desire for a new and more perfect union. It appeals to every generous impulse, and the response is as cordial as any one could desire.

No other song has quite the same effect in a patriotic sense, and aside from the association it has all the elements of popularity. The lively air would set any crowd in motion and arouse the enthusiasm of any race or nationality. It is for every tribe and every class. But it must still be heard in our Southern States to be heard at its best. The true Southerner sings it with unqualified fervor, and he alone can instruct the world in all its possibilities.

Teach the Children to Save Money.

It is often and truthfully said that a penny saved is a penny made. The foundation of many of the greatest fortunes was begun by saving a penny. The habit of saving is one of the best that can be formed. Every child should be taught to save something every week. The satisfaction of counting these pennies when the bank is emptied is one of the pleasures that we never forget; perhaps every one of us can remember the thrill of joy we had when we emptied the contents of the bank on the table and counted and recounted this mountain of wealth; how eager we were to tell our little friends the amount of our great fortune, and raced with them in refilling the bank.

To bring this pleasure within the reach of every child and help the forming of the penny-saving habit, Scott & Bowne, 409 Pearl Street, New York, the manufacturers of Scott's Emulsion, are offering to send to any address, for 10 cents, a beautiful little savings bank; each bank contains a new good luck penny. Send 10 cents and get one.

Death of Maud Blakeley.

South Union, Jan. 11.—Special: On January 8, 1910, the angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blakeley and claimed for its victim little Iva Maud, aged two years, two months and 20 days. All that loving hands could do was done to save her, but all proved futile, for the One who doeth all things for the best saw fit to take her home. All who knew little Maud loved her for her kind and gentle disposition. We cannot understand why she was taken from us, but we bow in humble submission to the one who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." To the bereaved parents and relatives we extend our sincere sympathy. The remains were laid to rest in the South Union cemetery, services being conducted by Rev. J. G. Graham.

Some Doctors Keep Patients Ill.

Charges that some physicians deliberately prolong the period of illness of patients in order to increase their income are made by Dr. Jos. S. Neff, director of the department of health and charities, of the city of Philadelphia, who offers this reason for the increase in diphtheria for the present year, while all other preventable diseases show a decrease. Dr. Neff says he has proofs that antitoxin is not administered in either curative or preventive doses by certain physicians of Philadelphia, because its use reduces the number of their visits.

As a rule two productive acres of land are required for each inhabitant of a country.

PRESIDENT FIRES MR. PINCHOT.

Situation Grows Warm Between Taft and Roosevelt's Lieutenant.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester and intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, tonight was dismissed from the service of the United States by President Taft for insubordination. Associate Forester O. W. Price and Assistant Law Officer Alexander C. Shaw, Pinchot's immediate assistants in the Forestry Bureau, followed their chief out of government employ.

Thoroughly indignant over the action of Mr. Pinchot in inducing Senator Dolliver to read a letter from him in the Senate yesterday, President Taft to-day would listen to no advice that the forester's violation of executive orders be overlooked pending the inquiry soon to be undertaken by Congress. He declared the dignity of the office he has been chosen by the people to fill was being attacked and he would be unfaithful to his trust if he submitted longer.

Mr. Taft undoubtedly realizes fully what the dismissal of Forester Pinchot means in a political way. He has been convinced for some time that the so-called "insurgents" and other critics of his administration had enlisted the services of Mr. Pinchot and practically were defying him to separate Mr. Pinchot from his office. The latter's letter of yesterday, few here doubt, was written with the direct purpose of "putting it squarely up to the President."

The President sought to avoid the threatened war as long as he could, but declared to-day that patience had ceased to be a virtue. He picked up the gage of battle thrown down by Mr. Pinchot by the hand of Senator Dolliver in the Senate, and with the administration supporters, is ready for the fray which is certain to ensue.

Political observers in Washington declare that the situation created by to-day's developments is the most tense of many years. What the outcome will be no one can tell.

New Forest Chief Talks.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 9.—A. F. Potter, on his way to Washington to succeed Gifford Pinchot as head of the forestry bureau, to-day said: "I expect my relations with the Western interests to be most congenial. I desire to work in harmony with the live stock associations, to promote the fullest use of the national forest ranges, to foster the stock interests and to promote the general welfare of the West."

Ripplings from High Falls.

High Falls, Jan. 10.—Special: Miss Addie Grogan was a recent visitor at the home of T. W. Grogan.

Johnnie Brucke, of Pickens, was a recent visitor to this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Knox were recent visitors at the home of J. A. Morgan.

T. F. Cannon and son, Walter, were recent visitors to relatives in Pickens county.

Joe Grogan and sister, Miss Della, visited at the home of James Grogan, near Salem, Saturday and Sunday.

Dialas Herd, of Westminster, visited his sister, Mrs. Jesse Barker, the past week-end.

Sloan Mauldin and brother Verner, of Cross Roads, visited Oscar Mauldin Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pierce visited Mr. and Mrs. James Knox recently.

T. W. Grogan has his pretty new residence nearly completed.

Rev. J. B. Tramel preaches at our school house on every first Sunday.

Willie Hawkins and brother James visited their uncle, Noah Dyar, recently.

Townville Short News.

Townville, Jan. 10.—Special: Miss Neta Bruce, of Oakway, spent a while with her aunt, Miss M. A. Bruce, recently.

Miss Alice Walker, of Alpharetta, Ga., is spending a while with her sisters, Mrs. H. D. and Mrs. W. A. Grant.

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Campbell, of Belton, spent Sunday with the latter's uncle, B. D. Campbell.

Lawrence Boggs and daughter, Miss Julia, of New Hope, visited their cousin, J. C. Boggs, during the holidays.

Married, by R. S. Fant, Esq., on December 28, Miss Mamie Farmer and Pinkney A. Heeler.

J. E. Campbell is suffering from a severe case of la grippe.

Mrs. Belle Grant is very ill at this writing.

Miss Blanche Nelson, of Piedmont, is visiting her cousin, Miss Varina Smith.

Born, unto Mr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Fant, a son.

A Chinese rescued from drowning is compelled to support his rescuer for the rest of his life.

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We have some very useful Christmas Gifts in our Assorted line of Drummers' Samples. We have sold quite a large amount of these good, but we still have some very pretty samples in Hosiery for Men, Women and Children, Belts, Suspenders, Gloves, Pocket Books, etc. Come and see them, they are all big bargains.
We have the largest and most complete line of Men's and Boys' Clothing ever brought to this market. See us before buying.
We thank you for past patronage and wish you "A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

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Our Stables are stocked with good Driving and Riding Horses, New Buggies, Carriages, etc. Everything in first-class shape.
Our prices are right. We are going to do the Livery Business of Walhalla if satisfactory service and reasonable prices are an inducement.
Houchins & Brown, PHONE NO. 28, WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

MAKE YOUR TAX RETURN.
AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Oconee County, S. C., December 14, 1909.
This office will be open to receive Returns of Real and Personal Property for taxation from the 1st day of January, 1910, to the 20th day of February following, inclusive.
The Real Estate—Lots and Buildings—are to be assessed this year. Taxpayers will be careful to list exactly the number of acres, number of lots and number of buildings on their returns, as the assessment made now will stand for the next four years. The Township Assessors are required by law to list for all those who fail to make their own returns within the time prescribed. Hence, the difficulty of delinquents escaping the 50 per cent penalty, as well as the frequency of errors resulting from this practice. By all means make your own returns and thereby save expense and confusion.
Males between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed, or from any other cause, shall be deemed Taxable Polls.
Return your dogs at the same time you return your real and personal property.
For the convenience of taxpayers the Auditor or his deputies will also receive returns at the following times and places:
Clamson College—Friday, Jan. 14, 10 a. m. to 12 m.
Adams' Crossing—Friday, Jan. 14, 1 to 5 p. m.
Newry—Saturday, Jan. 15.
Seneca—Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 17th and 18th.
Clark's Store—Wednesday, Jan. 19 Salem—Thursday, Jan. 20.
Little River—Friday, Jan. 21.
A. L. Whitmire's—Saturday, January 22.
Tamassee—Monday, Jan. 24.
Cherry Hill—Tuesday, Jan. 25.
Mt. Rest—Wednesday, Jan. 26.
Henry's Store—Thursday, Jan. 27.
Cannon's Store—Friday, Jan. 28.
M. H. Lee's Store—Saturday, January 29.
Tugalo Academy—Monday, January 31.
Madison—Tuesday, Feb. 1.
Richland—Wednesday, Feb. 2.
Returns will be taken at all places from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon unless otherwise specified.
R. W. GRUBBS, Auditor Oconee County, S. C. December 15, 1909. 50-

Lawson to Buy Tobacco Crop.
Lexington, Ky., Jan. 11.—Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, arrived here yesterday to confer with the officers of the Burley Tobacco Society with a view to purchasing the entire pooled crop of the organization—118,000,000 pounds.
He is said to have offered 20 cents a pound and stands ready to bind his contract with a check for \$2,000,000. He is understood to represent a Boston syndicate.
Salmon, pike and goldfish are supposed never to sleep.

Ain't This Nice?
Elegant Cape Cod Cranberries, 15c. per quart; Full Weight Seeded Raisins, 10c. per pound; Full Weight Cleaned Currants, 10c. per pound; London Layer Three-Crown Raisins, 10c. pound; Best Domestic Macaroni, 8c. pound; Italian Imported Macaroni, 15c. per pound.
Wheat Hearts, Dr. Price's Rolled Wheat, Cream of Wheat, Rolled Out Flakes, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Grape Nuts, Fine New Orleans and Georgia Cane Syrups, New Orleans Molasses, Wesson's Cooking Oil, Wesson's Salad Oil, Imported Italian Olive Oil; Fine Toilet Soap, 18c. box, worth 30c.; Pummo Hand Soap, 5c., cleans grease quicker than any; 10 cakes Laundry Soap, 38c.; Henry Clay Flour for your cakes. Dove Hams and Breakfast Bacon; "Snowdrift," the Queen of Com-pounds; Elegant Canned Mackerel 10c. can; Fresh Mackerel 5c. each; Shrimp, Lobsters and Deviled Crab; Salmon from 10c. to 25c. can.
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Remember Also: You can get your old wagons and buggies repaired for less than buying new ones, and they will be just as good as new.
I have on hand all kinds of material to repair wagons, buggies, surreys, carriages, hacks, etc., with—so bring them to me. I am better prepared to do all kinds of repair work now than ever before. Bring me your buggies and wagons and let me repair and overhaul them and re-paint them for you and make them look like new ones.
I have added more room, more material, more experience and everything will be done with more care. More horse and mule shoes and more nails—more care of the hoofs.
In 1909 we put on an average of 750 shoes per month. In 1910 we want to put on an average of 850 shoes per month—an increase of 100 each month.
Thanking my friends and customers for past favors and patronage, I wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.
On December 1st, 1910, I will give away to the holder of the lucky number a handsome two-horse wagon, worth \$50.00. With each five-dollar cash purchase or cash work amounting to that sum, you will get a numbered ticket, which entitles you to a chance at the prize wagon. One number will be selected by disinterested parties, and will be sealed up, and the holder of the corresponding number to the one sealed in the envelope, will get the best fifty dollar wagon we can put up. This will be given away on December 1st, 1910.
Bring us your work and we will give you entire satisfaction.
Yours for business and a square deal,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE.
Court of Common Pleas.
Pursuant to a decree of the aforesaid Court, all persons having claims against the Estate of W. B. F. Corbin, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same duly attested to me at my office at Walhalla, S. C., on or before the 17th day of January, 1910
W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. December 15, 1909.—50-1.