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• WALHALLA, S. C.:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1914.

**"LOOSENING UP."**

We firmly believe that things are going to "loosen up" generally in the very near future all over the South, and especially so in those sections of the South which have not depended solely upon cotton in the past. The all-cotton section is the section that is hardest hit, and it is going to take the all-cotton section longer to recover than those sections. Like our own and other Piedmont sections of the State and the South, East have given more attention to diversification. But the whole country is going to recover—in fact, it is already recovering; things are beginning to "loosen up."

Are we all doing our part toward "loosening up" the financial stress? Every one of us can help to some extent if we will get together in a general forward move toward the payment of every debt possible of liquidation. What the country needs is not more money, but the circulation of that which is in existence. Every man who holds back the payment of a debt that he can discharge is contributing just that much to the so-called "hard times." Let us get to work to paying all the bills we can. Not one of us fully realize, to what a marked degree it will help the general situation.

Pay your bills and we can pay ours. When we pay ours some other fellow can pay his. It is an "endless chain" theory that will work as well in actual practice as it will in theory. Help to work it out.

An indication, too, that comes to our mind locally is the fact that the large corporations that have money to lend are coming to the front and seeking a place to put out their cash. An advertisement appears in The Courier this week in which a local attorney, representing large financial interests, states that there is money to loan on farm lands. Farm lands in the Piedmont sections, where we don't run to all-cotton, are going to have a good value at all times. It's the all-cotton lands and the all-cotton farmers who are hit hardest. Bear that in mind. Diversified farming means profitable farming, and profitable farming means a stable or rising value for farm lands.

"Stick a peg there."

**The Liver Regulates the Body—A Sluggish Liver Needs Care.**

Some one has said that people with chronic liver complaint should be shut up away from humanity, for they are pessimists and see through a "glass darkly." Why? Because mental states depend upon physical states. Biliousness, headaches, dizziness and constipation disappear after using Dr. King's New Life Pills, 25c, at your druggist.—Adv.

**Check on Pardoning Power.**

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Senator Shepard, of Anderson, has prepared and will introduce next week an amendment repealing that section of the Constitution giving the Governor the right to exercise clemency, and substituting a section authorizing the Governor to issue pardons, paroles, commutations and reprieves, (except in case of impeachment,) subject to the restrictions to be enacted by the General Assembly. This would serve as a check of the wholesale abuse of the pardoning power.

**\$100 Reward, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh, being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Adv.

**EARTH QUAKES, THOUSANDS DIE**

**Loss of Life in Italy Great—Destruction of Property.**

Rome, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake occurred in Rome and the adjacent territory early to-day. It is estimated that the number of dead from the earthquake reaches about 10,000.

The town of Avezzano was virtually destroyed, and the dead are estimated at 8,000. One thousand persons escaped from the ruins, but most of them were injured.

The shock was the strongest ever felt in Rome. It lasted several seconds and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged by the shock.

There was confusion throughout the whole of Rome. In some cases it amounted to terror and bordered on panic. The telephone was resorted to by great numbers of people at virtually the same time in endeavors to ascertain the safety of relatives and friends, and then to learn the extent of the damage to the city. The telephone girls did their best to meet the emergency. A system of gathering and giving information was hurriedly inaugurated. It was learned early in the day that among the old buildings damaged was the Palazzo Cenci, as well as the famous column of Marcus Aurelius.

Historic buildings on the Piazza Colonna, in the center of Rome, also were damaged, as was also the famous Farnese Palace, occupied by the French embassy.

The bellry of the Church of St. Andrew is in danger of falling, and the building has been surrounded by police to prevent people from approaching it.

**Statue of St. Paul Twisted.**

A large crowd gathered in the square in front of the Column of Marcus Aurelius. At a point about half way up the column had been broken and twisted. It was at least six inches from its true axis. The immense bronze statue of St. Paul on top of the column also inclines to one side.

The dome of the Church of St. Charles Carraari was cracked. A large piece of the cornice of the Gesù, Church of St. Ignatius fell with a crash, adding to the fright of persons in the neighborhood.

Ceilings in many of the houses fell, a number of persons being injured in that manner.

A colossal statue at the Basilica of St. John in Lateran, which occupied a position visible from many parts of Rome, tumbled down and was shattered on the steps of the edifice.

Several street car lines were forced to suspend operations.

As details began to arrive it was apparent the disturbance in the province of Rome and the Abruzzia had been greater than at first believed, and that it also had been felt severely around Naples.

**Lighter Shocks Follow.**

Rome, Jan. 14.—Several earth shocks occurred during the fore part of the day. They caused the collapse of some buildings already severely damaged, resulting in the injury of a number of persons engaged in rescue work in various towns. These shocks were not violent, but they increased the alarm of the people and made more difficult the work of rescue.

**Confirmed Reports Add to Horror.**

Rome, Jan. 14.—With every hour, as additional and more accurate details are received, the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases, threatening to place it in the list of similar catastrophes in Europe second only to the Messina disaster of 1908.

The list of dead, dying and injured has increased from a relatively small figure last night to more than 50,000, according to an official announcement to-day, and it is expected that this number may grow before the day is over.

The full extent of the property loss has not yet been determined. Here in Rome priceless statues, century-old buildings and structures that for years have been the mecca of all visitors, have been destroyed or injured.

Though the loss of life, and possibly the damage, may be less than it was in 1908, the area of disturbance greatly exceeds the Messina earthquake. It covers the whole central portion of Italy, extending from Naples, on the south, to Ferrara, on the north.

The most disastrous disturbance, from all reports, seems to have centered in the vicinity of the town of Avezzano, where 15,000 persons have been killed or injured, according to the latest official reports.

Reports of damage in varying degrees of severity have come from Latium, Abruzzi, Umbria, the Marches, Tuscany, Aezlia, Campania and Apulia.

**Quake Belt 300 Miles Long.**

The earthquake belt is estimated to be about 300 miles long, extending practically from one side of Italy to

the other. In Abruzzi, Latium and Campania the quake reached its highest degree, described by scientists as "catastrophic," and in other places it varied between the seventh and the tenth degrees.

Relief measures for the thousands who have succeeded in escaping from their ruined homes in safety, but are in want and without shelter, are going ahead with all possible speed. Special trains have been dispatched carrying physicians and nurses, and government officials have been ordered to provide all necessities for the stricken people.

King Victor Emmanuel, despite the protests of government officials, who urged the international situation in Europe as a reason for his staying in Rome, left early to-day for the vicinity of Avezzano to do whatever he could, and by his presence give stimulus to the relief work.

Queen Helena, still in bed since the birth of a daughter, has expressed the keenest regret that she could not go to the scenes of devastation as she did at Messina.

**CLEANSER YOUR HAIR, MAKES IT BEAUTIFUL.**

**It Becomes Thick, Wavy, Lustrous and All Dandruff Disappears—Hair Stops Coming Out.**

Surely try a "Danderine Hair Cleanser" if you wish to immediately double the beauty of your hair. Just moisten a cloth with Danderine and draw it carefully through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; this will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or any excessive oil—in a few minutes you will be amazed. Your hair will be wavy, fluff and abundant and possess an incomparable softness, lustre and luxuriance.

Besides beautifying the hair, one application of Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; invigorates the scalp, stopping itching and falling hair.

Danderine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating, stimulating and life-producing properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

You can surely have pretty, soft, lustrous hair, and lots of it, if you will just get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and try it as directed.—Adv.

**BRYAN'S REPLY TO BRITAIN.**

**Appreciate, Friendly Tone—Detailed Consideration to Come Later.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—In a note delivered to-day by Ambassador Page, at London, Secretary Bryan acknowledged receipt of Great Britain's preliminary note to the American protest against British interference with neutral commerce. He expressed appreciation of the friendly spirit in which the protest had been received, and noted with satisfaction that principles of international law set forth in it had been accepted.

Further comment, Mr. Bryan said, would be immature at this time in view of the intention of the British government to reply in detail. Following is a paraphrase of the Secretary's note:

"The friendly spirit in which the British government received the American note of December 28 is appreciated. No doubt is entertained by us that the cordial relations between the governments will continue pending diplomatic discussion. This government notes with satisfaction that the principles of the international law, as set forth in the American notes, are accepted by his majesty's government. As the original note is being examined with care by the British government with a view to replying further and in detail, it would seem premature for me to make further answer at this time.

"It is the intention of this government to consider in connection with the further reply of the British government the points raised by Sir Edward Grey, in connection with the preliminary answer."

**Free Flower Seed. Hastings' Catalogue Tells You About It**

If you are engaged in farming, or if you plant only vegetables or flowers, you cannot afford to be without the big catalogue published fresh and new every year by the great Southern seed house, H. G. Hastings & Company, of Atlanta, Ga., and sent absolutely free, postage paid, to all who write for it, mentioning the name of this newspaper.

In this catalogue we tell you of a splendid offer of free flower seed to all our customers, five magnificent varieties that mean beauty about your home and a pleasure to wives and daughters that nothing else can give.

This catalogue tells you, too, about our big cash prize offer to the Corn Club boys of your state. It tells all about our fine yielding varieties of corn and cotton—the kind we grow on our own 3,200 acre farm. It tells about the best seeds of all kinds for planting in the South. It should be in every Southern home. Write to-day and let us send it to you.—H. G. HASTINGS & CO., Atlanta, Ga.—Adv.

**GOVERNOR BLEASE RESIGNS.**

**No Reason Assigned for Step Five Days Before Term Expired.**

Columbia, Jan. 14.—Governor Coleman Livingston Blease to-day filed his resignation with the Secretary of State, to take effect immediately.

Governor Blease's term would have expired January 19. His resignation reached the State Senate shortly after 1 o'clock, and was immediately accepted. Lieutenant Governor Chas. A. Smith then took the oath of office as Governor for the unexpired term.

No reason for the Governor's action was given in the document, worded with unusual brevity. His resignation simply stated:

"Hon. R. M. McCown, Secretary of State: I hereby resign my office as Governor of South Carolina."

Intense excitement was caused in the General Assembly, then in joint session for the purpose of electing a Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

**Don't Like Legislature.**

Though from no official source could the statement be confirmed, it was generally stated in the legislative halls that Governor Blease resigned because he did not "like the personnel of the Legislature." The present body is known to be almost unanimously and bitterly opposed to him.

Governor Blease was this morning informed of a meeting of members of the Legislature Tuesday night, when the proposal of instituting impeachment proceedings against him was considered, but abandoned because of its "impracticability," according to members of the conference.

**Pardoned to the End.**

Governor Blease continued to exercise the pardoning power until the very end of his administration, granting clemency in "about fifteen cases" just before he sent his resignation to the Secretary of State to-day. This information was contained in a statement by an attaché of Governor Blease's office.

**"Additional" and "Finals."**

Columbia, Jan. 24.—Twenty-three more pardons, paroles and commutations were granted this morning. This brings the cases of clemency up to 2,791, including the 1,000 pardons.

The sentence of \$2,000 or two years imposed upon Wallace Whitlock, in Spartanburg, for violating the dispensary law was reduced to \$500 or one year. The same sentence for B. S. Doolittle was reduced to \$750 or one year.

The sentences of T. M. Fowler, W. P. McColl and C. W. Gossett, convicted in Spartanburg for violation of the dispensary law, were materially reduced.

Several of those liberated had been convicted of criminal assault. The sentence of Alouzo Williams, convicted in Charleston in June, 1907, for murder and given a life term was reduced to ten years.

Willie Arnold, convicted in Spartanburg for burglary and larceny and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, was paroled.

Gilbert Farr, serving a 20-year term from Charleston for criminal assault, was paroled.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**

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**KEOWEE COURIER, WALHALLA, S. C.**

**MAKE YOUR TAX RETURNS.**

Auditor's Office Oconee County, S. C., December 21, 1914.

The Auditor's office will be open to receive returns of Personal Property for taxation from the 1st day of January, 1915, to the 20th day of February, 1915, inclusive.

The Township Assessors are required by law to list all those who fail to make their own returns within the time required by law. 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. All personal property must be itemized.

Real Estate not returnable this year, except property that has been bought or sold, in which case same should be noted as such.

Be sure and give your correct school district.

All persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or other causes, shall be deemed taxable polls.

Please don't neglect returning your dogs.

For the convenience of tax-payers the Auditor or his deputies, will receive returns at the following times and places:

Little River, Wednesday, Jan. 20.  
Tamassee, Thursday, Jan. 21.  
Mountain Rest, Monday, Jan. 25.  
Henry's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 26.  
Cannon's Store, Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Tugaloo Academy, Thursday, Jan. 28.  
Madison, Friday, Jan. 29.  
Westminster, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 2.  
Seneca, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 3 and 4.

Returns will be taken at all places from 10 o'clock a. m. until 3 o'clock p. m., except those mentioned above.

D. A. SMITH,  
Auditor Oconee County, S. C.  
Dec. 23, 1914.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

**TAX NOTICE.**

County Treasurer's Office, Walhalla, S. C., Oct. 6, 1914.

The books for the collection of State, County, School, and Special Taxes for the fiscal year 1914 will be open from October 15th, 1914, to December 31st, 1914, without penalty, after which day one per cent penalty will be added on all payments made in the month of January, 1915, and two per cent penalty on all payments made in the month of February, 1915, and seven per cent penalty on all payments made from the first day of March until the 15th day of March, 1915. After that day all taxes not paid will go into execution and be placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection.

Taxpayers owning property or paying taxes for others will please ask for a tax receipt in each Township or Special School District in which he or they may own property. This is very important, as there are so many Special School Districts.

The tax levy is made up as follows:  
State tax ..... 6 mills  
School tax ..... 3 mills  
Ordinary county tax ..... 7 1/2 mills  
Interest on bonds ..... 1/2 mill

Total ..... 17 mills  
Special and Local School Tax.

Dist. No.	High School.	Special School.	Bonds.	Total.
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Poll Tax, \$1. Dog Tax, 50c.

Every male citizen from 21 to 60 years of age is liable for poll tax except Confederate soldiers, who do not pay after 50 years of age, and those exempted by law.

**Road Tax, \$2.**

Every male citizen from 18 to 50 years of age is liable for road tax, except those exempt by law. This tax is payable from October 15th, 1914, to March 15th, 1915, after which time four days' work will be required.

The time for paying taxes without penalty has been extended to February 1, 1915.

R. H. ALEXANDER,  
Treasurer Oconee County, S. C.  
Oct. 7, 1914.

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