

Scraps and Facts.

Colonel Ray's regiment of immunes has been ordered from the province of Santiago to Savannah.

A section of Charlotte was terrorized last Monday night and Tuesday morning by a mad dog.

Havana dispatch 14th: Governor General Brooke and General Maximo Gomez have had no communication with each other since the invitation and its acceptance by the latter to come to Havana.

The funeral of General Garcia did not pass off as much good feeling as was at first reported.

A novel form of entertainment has been devised for the Paris exhibition, and it is to be called the Mareorama.

Baltimore Sun: Mecklenburg county, N. C., of which Charlotte is the chief city, is already noted for having better public roads than any county in the south.

Wilmington special to Raleigh Post: The arrest of a Negro for abandoning his wife led to the discovery of a curious religious sect which numbers among its followers many ignorant Negroes.

The obstacles to railroad traffic resulting from the recent blizzard, says a Washington dispatch of Wednesday, have been overcome to such an extent as to warrant the companies operating trains to the north and west in announcing that traffic will now be resumed practically on schedule time.

while the Pennsylvania also is ready for business east and west.

"I do not believe," said Henry George, Jr., in his letter declining to serve on a committee to arrange for certain Remember the Maine service—"I do not believe in the kind of liberty that President McKinley is dealing in."



YORKVILLE, S. C.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1899.

A correspondent of the Columbia State, says "Camden is an old town—nearly 150 years old—and in all that time the inhabitants here have never experienced such a cold snap as we are having now."

The last issue of The Gaffney Ledger comes to us in the form of a seven column folio, with the announcement that hereafter the paper is to be issued twice a week—Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Senor Agoncillo, the Filipino commissioner, now in Montreal, is quoted as saying that the fall of Iloilo is of no special significance, as the Americans had ships while the Filipinos had none.

We are glad of the passage of the McEnery resolution; but at the same time we do not think it is going to have much practical effect.

Rumor insists that there is something wrong with his accounts. Serious trouble is brewing in Reform circles here, owing to the condition of affairs in the office of Superintendent of State Penitentiary W. A. Neal.

Colonel Neal is now here, having come from Columbia yesterday in company with J. S. Fowler, W. Q. Hammond, J. B. Watson and other lessees of convicts, whose contracts were in danger of revocation by the board of directors now in session.

Searchlights from the United States warships were kept all night long illuminating the town and its defenses. The rebels so far as the lookouts on the ships could discover, remained quiescent throughout the day.

board as lessees. Nearly all are charged with applying products of the state to their individual account here, giving official receipts for sale.

A DUBIOUS CRITIC.

The Charleston News and Courier puts itself in a rather dubious position by attempting a criticism of the vote cast by Senator McLaurin in favor of the ratification of the treaty of peace.

The first suggestion is one which will be indignantly repudiated by all who know Senator McLaurin, because they know him to be a man of sterling worth, devoted to his country and conscious of the dignity of his position.

The real humor of the editorial of The News and Courier is in the sentence in which it declares that Senator McLaurin set himself "in opposition to a majority of his party associates in the senate."

When the Democratic majority in the senate was doing its duty in the face of an arrogant Republican foe it was The News and Courier which carried the dagger to the reputation of the members thereof.

When men start to criticize the actions of others, it would be well for them to examine their own skirts, and judged by this rule, the Charleston News and Courier is in no position to criticize the position of any one toward a Democratic majority in senate or house.

Senator McLaurin, however, is aware of these facts, as is every reader of The News and Courier, so that this attack will be regarded in the light of a joke though the humor be somewhat heavily veiled.

The city of Iloilo, the second most important city of the Philippines, was captured last Saturday by the forces under Brigadier General Miller.

This vote resulted 26 to 22 in favor of the resolution. Senator McLaurin voted for the resolution, as he did for that of Senator Bacon.

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tillery, were landed from the Boston, and a company was sent ashore from the Petrel. These detachments marched straight into the town of Iloilo, and hoisting the Stars and Stripes over the fort, took possession in the name of the United States.

The capture of the town and its defenses having been accomplished, the marines and soldiers who had been sent ashore proceeded to save the American, English and German consulates from destruction by the fire which was raging among the inflammable buildings of the town.

There was some desultory firing by the enemy in the outskirts of Iloilo, but not a single American was injured. General Miller's force had complete control of the situation when the Petrel sailed from Iloilo for Manila.

The United States senate spent some time on Tuesday discussing the McEnery resolution, which was voted on in the afternoon.

The McEnery resolution was offered last week previous to the vote on the peace treaty; but was postponed until after the treaty was disposed of.

During Monday, several senators talked as though they were opposed to allowing the resolution to come to a vote, and they sought to question the conditions under which unanimous consent had been secured.

"I do know that there are senators in this chamber who would not have voted for the treaty if they had not been assured of an opportunity to vote upon the McEnery resolution.

During the discussion, it developed that several senators who had voted against ratification of the treaty were opposed to the McEnery resolution, principally because of their feelings toward Mr. McEnery on account of his having voted for the treaty.

The vote on the adoption of Senator Bacon's resolution resulted in a tie—29 to 29. Both Senator Tillman and Senator McLaurin voted for it.

"That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippine islands into citizenship of the United States; nor is it intended to permanently annex said islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States; but it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the inhabitants for local self-government, and in due time to make such disposition of said islands as will best promote the interests of the citizens of the United States and the inhabitants of said island."

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

H. A. D. Neely, County Treasurer—Gives notice that the time in which state and county taxes may be paid without the 15 per cent penalty, is extended until the 28th of February, 1899, inclusive.

Mr. Robert Galbraith, of Spartanburg, was in town on yesterday shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Major J. F. Hart went to Columbia last Wednesday night to appear before legislative committees to appear before the bill which proposes to allow the North Carolina division of the South Carolina and Georgia railroad to condemn rights of way through public streets.

Miss Nellie Hobbs, of Yorkville, who is fitting herself as a trained nurse in the Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston, stands first in a class of 75. This is according to an examination held about February 1.

Hon. Wm. Jeffries, says the Gaffney Ledger, has been appointed to receive contributions in Cherokee county for the Confederate re-union in May, and has asked the following gentlemen to assist him and that they go to work at once:

Gowdenville—P. S. Webber, J. L. Strain and J. Rufus Poole. Draytonville—Wm. Jones, Jno. D. Jeffries and M. M. Tate.

The dispensary at Blacksburg will have to go probably. That is the outlook now. The following was served on the grand jury recently by the town council of Blacksburg:

Whereas, we, the town council of Blacksburg, S. C., believe that the existence of a dispensary at this place is detrimental to the good morals and general welfare of the place—

Be it Resolved, That we, the town council of Blacksburg, S. C., in accordance with our own opinion and the wish of the people, respectfully ask the grand jury of Cherokee county to make, in its final presentation, a request of a state board of control, to discontinue the dispensary at this place.

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modifications, will be made by the committee.

The Ohio River and Charleston has been completed as far as Gaffney, where its further progress was stopped by litigation with the Southern railway in regard to crossing the latter's track, and by other legal impediments; but the promoters are now confident of getting the road through.

The gentlemen who appeared before the committee yesterday were Mr. Samuel Hunt, of Cincinnati, president of the O. R. & C.; Dr. J. G. Black, of Blacksburg; R. K. Carson, of Spartanburg; T. B. Butler, of Gaffney. Major A. V. Calvert, of Spartanburg, was also present at the hearing.

Since the failure of the predictions of the ground hog, the faith of many of those who believe in weather signs has been shaken. But they should not be discouraged.

The above quoted remarks were made by a gentleman in the hearing of the writer on Thursday, and are given for the encouragement and consolation of those who are depressed on account of the long continued cold and wet weather that has prevailed during last fall and the present winter.

Those whose woodpiles have been exhausted, or getting low, or likely to, during the next six weeks, had better take warning and replenish, if the opportunity should offer, so as to be on the safe side.

Magistrate G. C. Leech, of Broad River township, was in Yorkville on Wednesday, and the reporter took occasion to ask him for additional information about the recent shooting of Sidney Clyman by Tom Hemphill.

Mr. Leech went on to say that Clyman is not badly hurt. It is because there was only a small charge in the gun. Had the gun been properly charged, there is every reason to believe that the shooting would prove fatal.

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discharged. The charge took effect in Chambers's left eye, killing him instantly. Ed Eastes testified to having heard the report of the gun, and said that when he reached the spot, Arthur Chambers was dead.

The testimony and circumstances pointed to the fact that the killing was entirely accidental and without malice, and the jury returned its verdict accordingly.

First Citizen—The roads are terrible. Second Citizen—Yes, terrible. First Citizen—The county commissioners ought to do something. Second Citizen—But they have no money.

First Citizen—Then the legislature ought to do something. Second Citizen—But what can the legislature do without money? First Citizen—Well, the grand jury ought to do something. Second Citizen—And what can the grand jury do?

First Citizen—Enforce the law. Second Citizen—Would that give us good roads? First Citizen—It would help. Second Citizen—But would it give us good roads? First Citizen—No.

Second Citizen—Then what is the remedy? Unless you find a remedy we must put up with what we have. First Citizen—But we can't put up with what we have. The whole county is snowbound.

When the snow melts it will be mudbound. People have been freezing for want of firewood. Most of them have the money and would be willing to pay anything that is reasonable. People who have the wood and who would be glad to sell it at the price that is being offered, are unable to get it to market.

In many cases people are suffering in their houses for the very comforts of life. They have either the money or commodities that will bring money; but on account of the roads are unable to bring about the exchange. The condition of the roads paralyzes business and paralyzes everything.

From the standpoint of comfort, health or common sense, there is no estimating the daily cost of such conditions to the whole country. Such conditions for six weeks would cost enough in dollars and cents to macadamize every public road in the county.

Second Citizen—Then why do we not do something? First Citizen—That is what I want to know; but I am neither the legislature or the county board of commissioners. What can I do?

Second Citizen—No; it is as you say. You are not the county board of commissioners or the legislature; but you, as much as any other man in the county, are responsible for the horrible conditions by which we are surrounded. You recognize the evils of bad roads fully, and you see clearly the benefits that are to be derived from good roads; but you have never waked up to the one all-important fact that the only way to get good roads is to pay for them.

Some few people might, for an object lesson, go down into their pockets and make a gift to the public; but there is no danger of such a spirit becoming general. It ought not to. The man who is not willing to do his share is entitled to nothing. He does not deserve even to be allowed to ride over a good road after it has been completed.

But if everybody will pay, then the thing can be done. The only remedy is taxation. There should be a property tax and a poll tax, and until such taxes are levied and used for road purposes, we may as well put in our time barking at the moon as complaining of present conditions.

THE CATAWBA POWER. THE ENQUIRER has heard a great deal, one way or the other, about the proposed electric power plant at Neely's ferry, on Catawba river; but has not yet been able to secure anything like a definite statement as to the intentions of the company, or as to whether indeed the plant will really be erected. This latter contingency, it seems, depends upon various circumstances.

The letter from Columbia by Mr. W. H. Stewart, the other day, indicated that there was much opposition in Bethel to the construction of the necessary dam across the river, and sought to re-assure the Bethel people by calling their attention to the fact that the bill would allow landowners to sue for any damages that might be caused to their property, etc.

A citizen of Bethel township was in Yorkville a few days ago, and gave the reporter an idea of the feeling of the people along the river. The people up there understand that the proposed dam at Neely's ferry is to be 30 feet in height. This, they say, will be sufficient to produce a great inland lake that will extend for miles up the river, and that although the company might buy and own all the lands that will be covered by ordinary back water, in seasons of freshet, the damage will extend a great many miles still further up the river, and cause much damage for which it will be difficult to fix the responsibility in the courts. Another ground of objection is the claim that the dam will cause more or less sickness, etc. One of the representatives in the house notified the Bethel people last week that it would be a good idea for them to send representatives to Columbia to look after their interests, as the