

Scraps and Facts.

The other day William J. Bryan met a man in Detroit over 90 years old who had been voting the Democratic ticket all his life...

The Yorkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C.: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1899.

Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued last Friday, shows a decrease for the week just closed of 28,916 bales...

The North Carolina senate has refused to pass a bill putting the city of Charlotte under the operation of the dispensary law...

According to a Washington dispatch to The News and Courier of Monday, the story about Senator McLaurin's probable appointment as a United States circuit judge...

The Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in session in Washington last week, elected officers as follows: Mrs. Daniel Manning, Buffalo, N. Y., president general...

The largest market of the world for American cotton oil is in Marseilles, France. In 1897, 49,000,000 kilos of oil were shipped there...

Charlotte Observer: Dr. Rainford, the preacher who succeeds in keeping New York stirred up pretty much all the time, last Sunday preached upon the growing tendency to break the Sabbath by an indulgence on that day in worldly amusements...

Winchester Democrat: John J. Cornelison died Tuesday at Lexington and his remains were carried through here Wednesday for Mount Sterling for interment...

Democratic judges by Republican presidents, or Republican judges by Democratic presidents. From the very nature of the case, no president should be governed entirely by party considerations...

There is more or less talk in the papers about the probability of Congressman Talbert becoming a candidate for the United States senate against Senator Tillman...

Several dispensary constables who ought to have been punished have been unjustly acquitted for political reasons. The punishment of a constable, however, who may deserve punishment, will do the law more good than harm...

DISPENSARY TRAGEDY. Constables Have a Bloody Time at the House of John Stuart.

The blind tiger business and the dispensary constables have brought about another bloody tragedy. This time the scene was a private home in Columbia, within a hundred yards of the governor's mansion...

OFFICIAL RUFFIANISM. The horrible tragedy that occurred in Columbia last Saturday night has been and will be variously commented upon, and most people will content themselves by simply charging the murder to the dispensary law...

For sometime past there has been talk among the politicians about Columbia to the effect that Senator McLaurin is working to succeed Judge C. H. Simonton in the judgeship of the Fourth United States circuit...

that such is not the case. Sometime ago there came to our attention an instance where a dispensary constable sought to arrest a Negro in a buggy. The constable had the Negro covered with a revolver; but notwithstanding this fact, the Negro jumped and ran...

So this is the trouble. It has been the cause of all the dispensary tragedies that have yet occurred—inefficiency, incompetency, ignorance, ruffianism. Had the law been fully and intelligently complied with by Constable Crawford, the other night, there would have been no bloodshed...

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Smith. Soon a great crowd began to collect on the outside and there was angry talk of lynching the constables. Sheriff Cathcart appeared and gave the crowd some plain talk; but he was unable to make the people disperse...

Neither Stuart or his wife were able to give statements of the affair. Stuart has for several years been a clerk in the J. L. Minnaugh establishment. He denied indignantly before the shooting that he had ever been engaged in the liquor traffic...

At 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Sheriff Cathcart and Chief Daly, accompanied by policemen and the Richmond Volunteers, under Captain Kirkland, escorted the dispensary constables to the penitentiary for safe keeping. The escort was followed by a crowd of curious people; but there was no hostile demonstration...

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. H. C. Strauss—Reminds you that on next Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, you will be able to find the cutter of E. Strauss & Co., of Chicago, who will be prepared to supply you with a suit of spring and summer clothing...

Clarence P. Lowance—Is offering special inducements in tobacco until next Saturday. He has saur krum in cans, American Beauty coffee, seed Irish potatoes and another keg of cucumber pickles. Glenn & Allison—Let you know that their Mr. Robt. T. Allison has gone to market to buy horses and mules and expects to be on hand with them next Monday—saleday.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS. The county board of education has completed the work of grading the papers of the white teachers who presented themselves at the recent examination. The papers of the colored teachers are still in hand. The successful white candidates for certificates are as follows:

First Grade—Misses Alma Linda, Glover; Janie Jackson, Bowling Green; Mary Love, Sharon; Mary Carothers, Ranelburg, N. C.; Clara Mitchell, Sharon; Florence Crosby, Sharon; May Crosby, Sharon; May Belle Sims, Sharon; Lelia Lesslie, Lesslie; Annie Shannon, Sharon; Messrs. J. L. Boyce, Sharon; E. F. Hart, Hickory Grove; W. L. Bell, Yorkville.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS. Following is a list of the members of the new boards of township assessors. The members of the respective boards must meet and organize without unnecessary delay as, under the law, the various chairmen must assemble in the office of the county auditor next Tuesday, for the purpose of organizing the county board of equalization:

Bethel—D. G. Stanton, W. E. Adams, I. B. Faria. Fort Mill—C. P. Blankenship, R. F. Grier, D. G. Kimbrell. Ebenezer—R. C. Garrison, Wm. Carothers, A. A. Barron. Catawba—A. H. White, W. S. Lesslie, John T. Spencer.

ABOUT PEOPLE. Mr. J. Tom Thomason returned to Lancaster last Monday. The senior class of the South Carolina college has elected Mr. R. L. Parish, a Yorkville boy, to act as chief marshal during class day exercises commencement week.

Mr. R. T. Allison, of the firm of Glenn & Allison, has gone after a lot of horses and mules. He expects to be back in Yorkville before saleday in March with a plentiful supply. Mr. Chas. H. Miot, the popular and congenial representative of the Charleston branch of Messrs. R. G. Dunn & Co.'s Mercantile agency, spent several days during the past week in Yorkville in the interest of the company.

CLEMSON AND WINTHROP. The long anticipated visit of the Clemson college boys to the Winthrop college girls took place last Friday, and the occasion made a big time at Winthrop and in Rock Hill generally. The Clemson boys got up at 3:50 o'clock Friday morning, took a special train and arrived at Rock Hill at 11:30 a. m., 325 strong. There are about 350 of the young ladies, and the boys, of course, met with a delightful reception.

WHAT IT MEANS. The reporter has been able to gather some little information as to the origin and meaning of the peculiar York county engraftment on the county government bill, some information about which was published in THE ENQUIRER of last Saturday. It seems that the amendment had its origin in the senate, and was accepted by the members of the house without question, either as to its intention, utility or practicability. One of the members explains that the township boards provided for will act as township boards of assessors and will look after roads, bridges, etc., and the chairmen will attend meetings of the county board of commissioners four times a year for the purpose of giving information as to the state of the county. These chairmen are to have no vote or voice in the meetings of the county board of commissioners and no responsibility, power, or authority there or elsewhere; but are to draw \$15 a year each, or an aggregate of \$185 a year, for "attending meetings."

ly Winthrop girl did the honors at the table. In the annex Clemson's foot ball team was especially entertained. To add to the pleasure, a Clemson boy was expected to take a Winthrop girl to dinner, and if not, the Winthrop girl was to make her guest feel at home, and do the inviting—so it was a thorough home-like affair. Everybody who participated is represented as having been delighted with the day, which lasted until 11:30 p. m., when the college boys again marched to the train on their return home.

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STAR ROUTE DELIVERY. THE ENQUIRER is in receipt of a letter from Dr. J. W. Stokes in regard to the progress of the doctor's efforts to improve the mail service in the rural districts. It will be remembered that Dr. Stokes secured an appropriation for experimental free delivery work in his district last year. He informs us that this year he has succeeded in securing an increase of the appropriation. This refers to a house delivery. The bill of which mention was made last Saturday is different, in that it only seeks to secure free delivery in boxes along star routes. Its principal object is to give those people who live directly along these routes, the same facilities, as nearly as possible, that they would enjoy at a postoffice. The star route contracts in this section are to be relet next fall, to take effect in July, 1900. For the doctor to have gotten his bill through in time to affect these contracts, it seems, was impossible. A slight amendment that he and Senator Tillman seem to have about secured to the appropriation bill, is calculated to accomplish about the same result. This amendment will in large measure provide for the additional service in the next series of contracts, and there is good reason now to hope that after July, 1900, people living along star routes will be able to secure free delivery. The full text of the original Stokes bill is as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That all contracts for carrying mail matter on star routes made after the passage of this act, shall include the deposit in the proper boxes placed on the line of the routes for this purpose, without charge to the addressee, any mail matter that may be entrusted to the carrier for such distribution by any postmaster on the route. Sec. 2. That it shall also be the duty of the said carriers so contracting, in addition to the duties imposed by Section 687 of the postal laws, to take up such mail matter as may be deposited in said mail boxes and deposit same for mailing at the next postoffice on his route without additional compensation. Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of each postmaster, upon a written order from any person living on or near an established star route which comes within the provisions of Section 1 of this act, to deliver to the proper mail carrier for that route any mail matter, with instructions as to the proper mail box at which such mail matter shall be deposited. Sec. 4. That any person desiring his mail deposited along the line of any star route within the terms of Section 1 of this act shall erect a box as convenient as practicable to the roadside, and file with the nearest postmaster on each side of the box, a request, in writing, for the delivery of his mail to the proper carrier for deposit in said mail box. Sec. 5. That all mail boxes along such star routes shall be numbered consecutively, beginning from the initial point of the star route. Sec. 6. That with a view to bringing the mail thus deposited ultimately under the protection of the general postal laws until received by the addressee or his agent, the postmaster general