

Scraps and Facts.

Secretary Alger returned to Washington last Friday from an extended trip to Cuba and Porto Rico.

The secretary of state has decided to return to his posts in Spain the consuls of the United States who were obliged to leave on account of the war.

Baltimore Sun: Ensign Monaghan, who lost his life in Somalia, was from the state of Washington.

A Camilla, Ga., special of Friday to the Atlanta Journal says: Amanda Smike, an old Negro woman who lives with her husband, Moses Smike, near Baconton station, this county, mysteriously disappeared last Saturday night.

The government bureau of statistics, in an article just furnished to the press, says that the exportation of manufactures in the fiscal year 1899 is likely to show an increase of more than \$30,000,000 over that of last year.

A petition, signed by parents of several hundred members of the First Nebraska regiment, was forwarded to President McKinley last Friday.

The re-establishment of peace with Spain makes a radical reduction in the government expenses, so far as they relate to the pay of the army.

ippines, inasmuch as their services are as arduous and hazardous as were the services performed by the soldiers who served in Cuba and elsewhere against the Spanish army.

The Yorkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C. : WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1899.

Latimer, McSweeney, Butler. The crop of gubernatorial candidates for next year's campaign is thriving very nicely.

That sensible recommendation of the grand jury on the road question has been received as information.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier learns that Senator M. C. Butler will be a candidate in the Democratic primary next year for the gubernatorial nomination.

The contention over the question as to whether attorneys' costs are allowed in the case of liquidated contracts, existing in 1892, furnishes a pretty fair illustration of the fitness with which legal points are sometimes drawn.

THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

There has been a sensible agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Germany to settle the Samoan trouble without unnecessary friction, and the probabilities of war now seem to be very slight.

Under the agreement, each power is to appoint a special commissioner and the three commissioners are to leave San Francisco on the 25th instant for the purpose of investigating the troubles that led up to the outbreak of April 1 and reporting them.

The grand jury of York has taken a bold stand in regard to the public highway of that county. That body, in its report to the court last week, puts itself on record as favoring permanent macadamized roads throughout the county.

The return of progress in one especial county? Because York adjoins Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, where systematic macadamizing is the rule. The York county farmers thus have an object lesson of the value and economy of macadam roads.

We beg to remind the State that broadminded citizens of York went down into their pockets and built some roads by private subscription.

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cabled General Otis last week asking him as to whether he could not discharge volunteers as rapidly as he should receive regulars, allowing the transports that take the regulars out to bring the volunteers back.

THE DOLLAR DINNER.

Platform Democrats Have a Big Rally in New York.

The much talked of dollar Jefferson dinner of the Chicago platform Democrats, was held at the Grand Central Palace in New York last Saturday night, and was attended by five thousand people, including not less than three thousand men and women who sat down to the tables.

Among those who sat at the guests' table were James R. Brown, president; on his right, W. J. Bryan; on his left, Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota; O. H. P. Belmont, William S. McNary, secretary of the Democratic State committee, of Minnesota; Mayor J. L. Rhinooks, of Covington, Ky.; Bolton Hall, George Frederick Williams, Congressman W. E. Ryan, of Rochester; A. S. Townsend, of Virginia; Colonel Thomas Smith, of Virginia, and John Clark Ridpath.

There were a number of speeches, among others, one by O. H. P. Belmont; but Mr. Bryan was the favorite. People kept calling for him until they realized that the programme was to be strictly adhered to, and then they were more patient.

In introducing Mr. Bryan, Chairman Brown said that Abraham Lincoln had come out of the west to save the nation and another man had come from the west to save the nation. A perfect tempest of applause from the men and women broke out. The applause subsided; but started afresh. The band struck up, but scarcely could be heard as it played "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Hats were thrown up into the air; women waved their cloaks and handkerchiefs. There was a maelstrom of discord. Bryan raised his hand deprecatingly, but the more he did this the more the crowd cheered.

Mr. Bryan's speech was, as usual, bright and forcible. He commenced his speech by expressing his pleasure at having been permitted to attend the largest banquet ever given in the United States. He referred to "Ten Dollar" dinner that had been given a few nights before, and conceded that a Democrat had the right to pay whatever he pleased for his dinner, provided he had the money, and in a few remarks that were in exceeding good taste, about the right of people to quit a party when they differ from its principles, he prefaced a strong defense of the Chicago platform with the following:

"We have not one word of hostility to utter toward those Democrats who left the Democratic party in 1896. Far be it from us to criticize any man whose judgment or conscience leads him out of the Democratic party. When the Republicans met at St. Louis some of the Republicans left the Republican party rather than adapt themselves to the platform written out at St. Louis. They organized a distinct party and they took a name sufficiently different from the Republican name so that no one would mistake the one for the other. They made a bold and earnest fight, and the Republicans who left the party in 1896 have neither gone back, nor standing outside, have they attempted to write the platform of the party which they left.

"There can be no harmony between those whose opinions are as antagonistic as the opinions set forth in the Chicago platform and in the Indianapolis platform.

Miss Hattie Banks, of Rock Hill, is hereby appointed sponsor for the regiment and can select her maid of honor.

Privilege Tax Receipts. Columbia State, Saturday: A few weeks ago the "privilege tax" receipts were reported to be about \$35,000 since the first of the year. This showed a falling off of nearly \$20,000 as compared with the receipts for the same time in 1898 from the tax for the inspection of fertilizers.

MERE-MENTION. It is announced that the Spanish minister of marine is about to submit to the chamber of deputies a bill for the construction of 10 iron clads.

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yet it goes drawing 2 1/2 per cent. interest a year on nothing. (Applause.) It is a small proposition in mathematics, and yet these banks tell you they want this done for the public good.

Mr. Bryan referred to the United States as a bully for striking down the Filipino natives. This created the greatest enthusiasm of the night. There was a mighty demonstration when he said that it was this country that had inspired the Filipino with love of liberty. The American government of the Filipinos is a despotism, he declared, and this was loudly applauded.

When he said: "We may fail in 1900," there were tumultuous cries of "No, never."

LAKE CITY DEFENDANTS.

In the United States court last Saturday the defence in the Baker trial continued its attack upon the character of Newham, the lyncher who turned state's evidence. Witness after witness from Lake City and vicinity testified that they would not believe Newham on oath.

The trip of the Confederate veterans from this section to Charleston on the occasion of the reunion is to be made in daylight.

The afternoon session was devoted to reinforcing the alibi for Rodgers and in establishing one for Ward. Three men swore they were in the Rodgers-Saul fishing party. A man named Collins swore that Ward was at his house the night of the lynching.

Order of Colonel White—Miss Hattie Banks Sponsor For York County Regiment. HEADQUARTERS YORK REGIMENT, FORT MILL, S. C., April 15, '98. Order No. 6.

The commanders of the several camps comprising the York regiment of the U. S. V., will elect delegates to the reunion to be held in Charleston next month; and will use every possible means to have their members attend in a body.

By order of SAM'L E. WHITE, Colonel of the Regiment.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. H. C. Strauss—Talks to you about his business of bargains and reminds you that on each 50 cents purchase you are entitled to one piano coupon.

At a recent meeting of the Jasper Light Infantry, Mr. M. F. Jones was elected second lieutenant.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Dr. C. F. Williams was graduated from the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, last Friday, with high honor. His position on the final examination was No. 2.

The youngest child of Hon. D. E. Finley and Mrs. Finley was baptized in the Associate Reformed church last Sunday as States Rights Gist.

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TEACHERS AND TRUSTEES. There were 32 trustees and about 70 teachers at the courthouse last Monday to hear the address of State Superintendent of Education McMahan.

YORK COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the York County Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian church on last Sunday night, with a large congregation in attendance.

The report of the treasurer showed a cash balance on hand of \$39.40, exclusive of the collections of the evening, amounting to \$4.05. The value of the books remaining on hand is \$45.29.

Rev. W. G. Neville was re-elected president of the York county society; Mr. J. J. Hunter treasurer and depository; and W. W. Lewis, Esq., secretary.

ATTORNEYS' COST.

The little tilt in the court house last week between J. S. Brice, Esq., on one side and C. E. Spencer, Esq., and G. W. S. Hart, Esq., on the other, on the question of attorney's costs, did not settle the matter.

The development of business along the line mentioned is especially gratifying to the Yorkville people generally, and the men who are doing the work are entitled to special commendation.

ed the act of 1882 except in so far as it applied to cases then in litigation and to existing liquidated contracts. A part of the act of 1882 was, therefore, still left alive. The act of 1897 is directed only at the act of 1892, and as the act of 1892 had not affected the two exceptions mentioned, it was impossible then that these exceptions could be affected by the repealing act of 1897, which had not, in the slightest degree been directed against them.

PROGRESS OF THE VOTING.

Up to yesterday at noon, the voting for Confederate veterans to go to the Charleston reunion from the respective townships on the complimentary tickets offered by THE ENQUIRER, stood as follows:

Table listing names and numbers of voters from various townships including Bethel, Broad River, Bethesda, Bullock's Creek, Catawba, Ebenezer, Fort Mill, King's Mountain, York, and others.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Until January 1, 1900. THE TWICE-A-WEEK ENQUIRER, filled with the best and most reliable up-to-date news, will be furnished from this issue until January 1, 1900, for \$1.30.

The price of cotton has been steadily declining during the past two weeks or more, August futures in New York gradually falling from about 6.38, the highest point reached, to 5.98 on Monday afternoon.

Superintendent Carroll has all along entertained the idea of organizing a teachers' association in this county.

AS A DRY GOODS MARKET. Yorkville is making especial claims this spring to unusual advantages as a dry goods market, and on account of the special inducements that are being offered, is drawing trade from a surprisingly large radius of territory.

Rock Hill special of Sunday to the Columbia State: A difficulty occurred at the home of George Barnhill, who lives on the eastern outskirts of town, in which Barnhill shot a man by the name of George W. Outlaw.