

Scraps and Facts.

Says an Atlanta dispatch of Wednesday: Nearly 200 commissioners and other officers will attend the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, which convenes in the Central Presbyterian church, of this city, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. They will represent 70 presbyteries in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Indian Territory, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, has introduced a bill to make it unlawful for railroad, telegraph, sleeping car and other inter-state commerce corporations, to blacklist employees, and requiring such companies to keep a record of each employe's service, to be open for inspection. The bill is designed to prevent the blacklisting of discharged employes or those who go on strike, and is sweeping in its character. It provides for the punishment of violators by terms of from two to ten years in prison.

The senate committee on inter-oceanic canal, on Wednesday, presented a written report upon the Nicaragua canal bill. The committee takes strong position against the proposition to build the canal via Panama and to pay for the work already done by the French. The declaration is made that the Panama company is practically without debts, except those included in the Panama railroad. The committee takes position against holding the pending bill until the Walker commission can report, saying: "All the commission's practical field work is done. The committee says that whatever canal is constructed its ownership must be American, and that delay may be fatal to success."

An idea of the probable revenues of the Nicaragua canal may be gained from a report recently received at the department of state from Mr. Hunter, vice-consul general of the United States at Cairo. Mr. Hunter gives the traffic receipts of the Suez canal for every year since it was opened, beginning with \$38,791 in 1870, \$7,043,076 in 1880, \$11,927,912 in 1890, and \$17,510,142 in 1899. Last year 3,480 steamers passed through the Suez canal, an increase from 486 the first year it was opened for traffic. Of these 2,207 were British, 378 German, 223 French, 205 Dutch and 102 Austrian. The remainder represented 15 other nations, and 25 ships of 64,801 tons carried the United States flag.

In the Methodist general conference in Chicago, on Tuesday, D. J. Hadley, of New Jersey, introduced a resolution "that the British colors be given a place alongside the Stars and Stripes on the platform of this conference." A storm of woes went up from the delegates when the resolution was read; but Dr. Hadley finally secured silence and made a passionate appeal for the resolution. "The British flag all over the world has given to missionaries the protection which encourages us in the great work of preaching the gospel. It stands for the open Bible in every community. The American and the Briton have locked arms to close the century with one united effort to destroy the crescent and lift the cross in the east." Dr. Hadley's speech for the moment apparently turned the tide in favor of the resolution; but some delegates had spoken against it, and the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Speaking of the errand of the Boer peace commissioners who arrived in New York on Wednesday, the Pretoria correspondent of the New York Herald says: "I have the highest authority for making the statement that rather than see their country conquered by England, the commissioners are empowered to ask the United States to assume a protectorate over the republics, this protectorate to tend, if desired, toward eventual annexation as territories or states. Secretary Reitz, who is rapidly going down under the strain he is undergoing, voiced this national hope in the words: 'We will maintain our independence if we can. If not, we will appeal to the American people to take us under their wing. Surely the declaration of independence is broad enough to span the ocean. Our last hope is that, having again and again carried our burden of prosecution into the wilderness to escape from England, we may be permitted to deposit it at the foot of the statue of liberty, to find peace and protection under the Stars and Stripes.'"

London dispatches of yesterday morning from South Africa, indicate the continued advance of the British toward Pretoria with but small opposition. There has been more or less fighting during the past week between comparatively small parties on either side; but the British have generally had the best of it. It develops that Blake's famous Irish corps was captured at Kroonstad. The corps had been ordered to retreat, but remained to drink up the rum that had been left by the commissariat, and thus fell into the hands of the British.

There has been some hot fighting at Mafeking. The Boers assaulted the place; but were repulsed with great slaughter. Larel Dlaf, a grandson of President Kruger, was captured. It is reported that General Kitchener is in command of an expedition that is now on its way to the relief of Mafeking, and the people of Great Britain are hoping for news of success by next Monday. The London Times says that a number of Transvaal officials are preparing to flee the country and that Secretary Reitz means to go to South Africa.

Senator Clark, of Montana, worked the rabbit foot on the senate very nicely this week, springing a sensation that is probably loaded with further developments. Rising to a question of personal privilege on Tuesday, he addressed the senate in a short speech in which he claimed that the bribery investigation had been conducted in

an unfair and unjust manner, and that after full deliberation he had decided to tender his resignation, which he accordingly did. Later in the day came the news that Clark had been re-appointed by Lieutenant Governor Spriggs, who was acting during the absence of Governor Smith from the state. Smith, it seems, has all along been opposed to Clark, while Spriggs was a Clark man. In an interview published on Wednesday, Smith said that he had no idea that any such scheme was under contemplation or he would have never left Montana. He went on to say further that he now has reason to believe that the whole thing had been cut and dried beforehand. His absence from the state was occasioned by an imperative summons to California to look after some mining property, and he thinks the summons was a part of the job to place the appointment in the hands of the lieutenant governor. Some of the senators claim that Clark now occupies the same position as did Quay, and that he can be ousted without difficulty; but others declare the proceeding as conforming to all legal requirements and it will take time to straighten the matter out.

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YORKVILLE, S. C.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1900.

— There was some little opposition to the election of Mr. W. F. Stephenson as chairman of the State convention, and it is charged that the opposition was developed at the instance of Mr. John Gary Evans who was present as a member of the Spartanburg delegation.

— If the Democratic convention was in the notion of resolving on the Boer question, we think it would have done better not to have confused itself to a mere expression of sympathy; but to have tackled the question as to whether it is the sense of the Democrats of South Carolina that the United States government shall assume a protectorate over the South African republics in accordance with the intimated desire of Secretary Reitz. For one to merely say he is sorry is quite easy; but when he undertakes to show in a practical way how much he is sorry, the proposition assumes real interest. There always has been, and we suppose there always will be, too much empty buncombe in American politics.

— When THE ENQUIRER referred to the Hon. G. Walt Whitman as a crank, it was without the least intention of hurting the feelings of that distinguished gentleman. Mr. Whitman, however, is offended. He says "THE ENQUIRER is not brainy enough to grasp the views or weigh the man of whom it speaks." This is a matter rather too personal for discussion; but in order to provide for this special case, we suggest that the primary rules be so amended as to prevent a candidate who fails to receive an average of 30 votes to the county, in his first race, from again being a candidate for the same office. It is merely a question of saving time and eggs, Mr. Whitman; that is all.

— We are at a loss to know just what is the right thing to do in the case of Senator Clark, of Montana. If he was to have been unseated because of his conviction of bribery, it is difficult to see how his re-appointment removes the stain. Of course we unhesitatingly condemn this bribery business; but with Daly and his crowd using money to defeat Clark, what else was there for Clark to do but use money to secure his election; and suppose all the senators and representatives now in congress were measured by the same yardstick that has been applied to Clark, how many would there be left? It is possible that there are in the senate and house some men who secured their positions without resorting to bribery of some kind in some form; but before we would be willing to so declare we would require more light. There is room for lots of reform on this question.

— In the last issue of The Rock Hill Herald, Editor Hull remarks upon the suggestion of his candidacy for the general assembly as follows:

When in February last the editor of The Herald was elected to the first office ever offered to him—that of city alderman, with no emoluments in sight but a bit of cussin' in store for him—the stated that he felt that he was speedily on the way to the White House. Now comes the YORKVILLE ENQUIRER, and in the innocence of its guileless soul, nominates the aspiring and perspiring editor for a seat in the legislature. Great Scott and holy Moses! What means all this heaping of honors on us so suddenly? What have we done to be thus exalted in a twinkling? 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished; but there comes the rub—whether it is not better to bear the taunts of enraged aldermanic constituents or fly to the legislature and be kicked out of town the first time the outraged people get sight of their representative. Now, we shall give the subject prayerful attention, and if we conclude to place ourself in the hands of the very dear people with THE ENQUIRER as our sponsor,

we shall expect to head the ticket at one end or the other. Believing there is urgent demand for our services and that there must still be better things ahead, we leave the subject until our return from the Pythian meeting in the city by the sea, where we will doubtless get another lucrative job. We do indeed know the needs of the dear people, their sisters, their cousins and their aunts; they seem not to have known our needs, else they would have given us a good job long ago.

THE STATE DEMOCRACY.

All Was Harmony in the Convention Last Wednesday.

The state convention last Wednesday was made up of a miscellaneous mixture of delegates, of all shades of political opinion now entertained by the South Carolina Democracy; but from beginning to end was like a love feast with hardly a hint of discord. The convention was called to order by Colonel Willie Jones, state chairman, Mr. J. E. Brezeale presided as temporary chairman, and Mr. W. F. Stevenson, who was nominated by Mr. Thos. F. McDow, presided over the regular business of the permanent organization.

One vice president was elected from each congressional district, Mr. G. T. Haile, of Kershaw, being selected from the Fifth.

Colonel Willie Jones, Congressman Latimer, Governor McSweeney and Senator Tillman were chosen as delegates at large to the National Democratic convention, and T. Y. Williams, of Lancaster, and J. C. Wilborn, of York, were chosen to represent the Fifth district.

The delegation was instructed to vote for the re-nomination of W. J. Bryan and to act as a unit on all questions coming before the national convention. J. J. Gentry, of Spartanburg, offered a resolution endorsing the course of Senator Tillman in the senate, and Mr. L. W. Youmans delivered a prepared speech against this resolution; but without effect, as the senator was endorsed unanimously with the exception of the vote of Colonel Youmans. Colonel Youmans tried to deliver a long carefully prepared attack on Senator Tillman; but the convention would not listen.

The committee on resolutions was divided on the expediency of expressing sympathy with the Boers; but at the instance of Senator Tillman, such a resolution was passed.

The committee on platform, of which Senator Tillman was chairman, reported the following, which was adopted as the platform of the party:

First. That we reaffirm our allegiance to the Democratic party of the United States and declare again our belief in the platform upon which the party was founded by Thomas Jefferson.

Second. That we endorse in full and in particular the platform adopted by the Democratic convention at Chicago in 1896, and that we adhere to the principles therein enunciated without qualification or amendment, and demand their reaffirmation by the convention which will meet in Kansas City on July 4, next.

Third. That we condemn as injurious to the best interests of this country the financial legislation of the Republican majority in congress. Its policy proves the subserviency of that party to the trusts and national bank interests.

Fourth. That we view with alarm the power which the trusts, through the Republican party, are exercising over legislation and national policies, and their ability to control the prices of the necessities of life without regard to the law of supply and demand. We condemn the hypocritical attitude of the Republican leaders, who advise our countrymen to support the money obtained from them and stolen from the people to debauch the ignorant voters of the country.

Fifth. That we denounce the imperialistic policy of the present Republican administration, under President William McKinley, as contrary to the interests and the constitution of the United States, and as dangerous to the liberty and freedom not only to the people of the Spanish islands, but of the citizens of this country as well. The benevolent assimilation of the Philippines is proven to be the benevolence of murder and the assimilation of robbery. We denounce it as an outrage to the conscience of liberty-loving Americans. Our free institutions cannot long survive the destruction of those principles upon which they rest, and the spectacle of subject peoples held down by the bayonet and robbed by carpet-baggers, but fore-shadows the fate of our own country, if the people are allowed to our danger.

Sixth. That we view with alarm the use of our unqualified support for the declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States, and as dangerous to the liberty and freedom not only to the people of the Spanish islands, but of the citizens of this country as well. The benevolent assimilation of the Philippines is proven to be the benevolence of murder and the assimilation of robbery. We denounce it as an outrage to the conscience of liberty-loving Americans. Our free institutions cannot long survive the destruction of those principles upon which they rest, and the spectacle of subject peoples held down by the bayonet and robbed by carpet-baggers, but fore-shadows the fate of our own country, if the people are allowed to our danger.

Seventh. That we denounce and condemn the unjust and unconstitutional treatment of Porto Rico by the Republican party, whose policy in that island is not only illegal, but unworthy of a republic, and we demand a recognition of Porto Rico under the constitution of the United States and on the same basis with the Territories.

Eighth. That we endorse the course of those Democratic senators and representatives who oppose the imperialistic legislation enacted by the Republican congress for the government of Porto Rico.

Ninth. That we heartily commend and approve the wise and conservative party leadership of William Jennings Bryan, the ablest statesman of the day, and promise him our unqualified support for the preservation of the United States, believing that his high office and executive duties with a view solely to the good of the people, and not in the interest of plutocracy or according to the dictates of any foreign power.

Tenth. That we express our hearty sympathy with the South African patriots who are fighting so valiantly for liberty against the immense armies of Great Britain. Her unrighteous course deserves the condemnation of all lovers of self-government, and we denounce the cowardice of the present administration in not extending an offer of its good offices to terminate the unholy war of subjugation.

The platform was adopted as a whole without discussion. Several important changes were made in the party constitution, the most significant being a provision requiring that magistrates, county commissioners, and all other officers appointed by the governor, except supervisor of registration, go before the people.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Heath & Co., J. L. Williams, Managers—Read a short discourse on business in general, and go on to mention a number of interesting items in particular. They call attention to the fact that they are selling 40 yards of percale for a dollar, and are offering 40 yards of lawn at this price also.

W. Brown Wylie, C. C. C. Pleas—Advertises the sale of two lots in Yorkville at the suit of Sarah F. Gist, administratrix, against James McKnight, et al., defendants, and a tract of land in Hickory Grove, in the case of B. F. Scoggins against S. W. Mitchell et al.

Louis Roth—Tells you about his canned meats and mention a few he has in stock.

York Drug Store—Mention blackberry balsam for dysentery, diarrhea, cramps, summer complaint, and witch hazel and arnica for piles and cuts.

Amzi Estes, McConnellville, S. C.—Advertises for the owner of a stray cow.

J. H. Riddle—Announces that Mason L. Carroll is now associated with him in business.

ABOUT DOUBLE ENTRIES.

Like Treasurer Neely, it develops that Auditor Boyce is also very much interested in Treasurer Bartles's article on the subject of double entries on the tax books.

"That was a good article," said Auditor Boyce, on Thursday, "but I cannot say that it explains the matter fully. It seems to me that it would be necessary to take up a whole page of THE ENQUIRER during several issues, and even then a man would have to take some practical experience."

"These double entries annoy the auditor more than any other individual except possibly the treasurer. Suppose, for instance, I have on my books the name of A. B. C. Smith, he having correctly made his return in person, and the school trustees of his district return a long list containing the name of Dump Smith, how am I to know that Dump Smith and A. B. C. Smith are one and the same man? If I fail to enter Dump on the book, he may escape, and if I put him on the book and it turns out that his proper name is A. B. C., why then, of course, he must be subjected to the annoyance of a delinquent tax execution. If he has already paid his tax under his proper name, he, of course, has a right to raise a row; but as to who should bear the responsibility for his grievance brings up another question that I am unable to answer."

There is nothing new about this double entry complication, of course. It gives more or less trouble in every county in the state and will continue to do so until somebody hits upon a method of combing for tax dodgers that will not catch the innocent along with the guilty.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mr. H. C. Strauss is off on a short visit to Charleston.

Mrs. B. F. White, of King's Creek, was in Yorkville Wednesday.

Mr. G. L. Riddle, of Zeno, has gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the benefit of his health.

Dr. J. B. Johnson, of Rock Hill, has been elected vice-president of the State Pharmaceutical association.

Dr. R. L. Moore, of Rock Hill, was registered at the Parish hotel on Wednesday. He was over on professional work.

Mrs. Alexander Long, nee Miss Minnie Wilson, and two children, of Spartanburg, spent several days with relatives and friends in Yorkville this week.

Miss Jennie Hart, of Yorkville, has been appointed to a clerkship in the census department at Washington. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Congressman Finley.

The name of Miss Lucy Lowrance Hyndman, formerly of Yorkville, appears in the list of graduates from the Charlotte public high school. The closing exercises of the school took place on yesterday.

Messrs. C. E. and B. M. Dobson, both of Yorkville, have been appointed to clerkships in the census department at Washington, each to receive salaries of \$900 a year. Both appointments were secured through civil service examinations. That of Mr. B. M. Dobson is accredited to Senator McLaurin, and that of Mr. C. E. Dobson to Congressman Finley.

Greenville News: J. Heath Blake, of Rock Hill, a recent graduate of the Baltimore College of Pharmacy, has accepted a position with Carpenter Bros., the Mansion house druggists. Mr. Blake is well known here, having attended Furman university two years ago and has many friends who are glad to welcome him back to Greenville.

Washington Post, 16th: Rev. H. W. Bays, who has been an active pastor in the Methodist Episcopal church south for 25 years, is at the Hotel Raleigh. He is from South Carolina, and at present is the presiding elder of the Rock Hill district. Dr. Bays was a gallant Confederate soldier; but is now very popular in Grand Army circles. At the Buffalo encampment he appeared before the comrades and made a speech which was vociferously received. He advocated the establishment of a southern soldiers' home at Castle Pinckney, near Charleston. He is a member of the committee which has been appearing before congress in the interest of the home. He will pay his respects to the president today in company with Senator McLaurin.

WINTHROPS COMMENCEMENT.

The exercises of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial college at Rock Hill will be held June 3-6, according to the following programme:

Sunday, June 3d—11 a. m., sermon before the Y. W. C. A.; 8:30 p. m.,

baccalaureate sermon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, D. D., of South Carolina. Monday, June 4th—8:30 p. m., joint celebration of the literary societies.

Tuesday, June 5th—11 a. m., class day exercises; 8:30 p. m., annual concert and reception.

Wednesday, June 6th—11 a. m., alumnae meeting; 8:30 p. m., commencement. Address before the graduating class by Col. J. C. Hemphill, Charleston, S. C.

The school turns out forty-three graduates this year, as follows:

Marie H. Breland, L. I.; Metaul Margaret Comer, A. B.; Ida Mae Corbett, A. B.; Nellie C. Cunningham, A. B.; Agnes Richardson Douglass, A. B.; Ollie Blanche Elder, A. B.; Lucz Fulenwider Felder, A. B.; Mary Docia Folk, A. B.; Elizabeth Louise Gillespie, A. B.; Julia Glenn Gregg, L. I.; Gertrude Paisley Mitchell, A. B.; Jeannette Murdoch, A. B.; Lila Neal, A. B.; Paris Metz Neal, A. B.; Virginia Norris, A. B.; Josephine E. Platt, L. I.; Mary Alice Reaves, A. B.; Lucy Reed, A. B.; Scotia Boyd Reid, A. B.; Eloise Robert Searle, A. B.; Anita Allemong Hall, A. B.; Luile F. Harvin, A. B.; Cora Estelle Huggins, A. B.; Fanny Laura Johnson, A. B.; Gertrude Ligon King, A. B.; Bertha Bouvette Kirkley, A. B.; Sarah Elith Loryea, A. B.; Millie Rameth Lynn, L. I.; Janet McLure, A. B.; Mary E. McMeekin, A. B.; Cora Alice McRar, A. B.; Rosa Lee Melton, A. B.; Selma Louise Shirley, A. B.; Mary Elizabeth Smith, L. I.; Jeanie Dalziel Sprunt, A. B.; Mary Hugh Swaffeld, A. B.; Lydia Taylor, L. I.; Emmie Ernestine Tindal, A. B.; Eva L. Verdier, L. I.; Mary Buelah Walden, A. B.; Nannie Simpson Wallace, A. B.; Ethel Ivy Welborn, A. B.; Fanny Britton Wilson, A. B.

BATTLEGROUND PROPERTY.

It has developed that it will not be quite so easy as at first appeared, for the King's Mountain Chapter, D. A. R., to get possession of the King's Mountain battleground property. The trustees, it appears, are without power to make a transfer. As has already been stated, Mrs. S. M. McNeel, secretary of the King's Mountain Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, recently wrote to Governor McSweeney and Colonel A. Coward with regard to the matter. The replies, which appear below, explain the present situation.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Executive Chamber, COLUMBIA, May 14, 1900.

Mrs. S. M. McNeel, Yorkville, S. C.

DEAR MADAM:—Replying to your communication of the 12th instant, requesting that I, as governor, make title to the Daughters of the American Revolution of the King's Mountain battleground, I beg to say that it appears from the deed you enclose that I, as governor, with several others therein named, simply hold the property in trust, and that the purpose of this trust is to provide for the protection and preservation of the monument, to be erected by the King's Mountain Centennial Association, and the control of the battleground, until the association, after incorporation, declares its determination to relieve the said trustees from said trust by demanding the title deed. As the association has never demanded a title deed, the trust imposed has not been carried out and is still of force. Until this is done, we must hold the property in order to perform the trust imposed.

However, your efforts in the matter are worthy, and if any scheme can be devised by which we can aid you, it would afford us pleasure to do so. I am Yours truly, M. B. MCSWEENEY.

Colonel Coward was prominently connected with the work of erecting the monument and carrying out the centennial celebration. His letter is as follows:

SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY ACADEMY, Office of the Superintendent, CITADEL, CHARLESTON, May 15, 1900.

Mrs. S. M. McNeel, Secretary, Yorkville, S. C.

DEAR MADAM:—I would gladly be relieved of the charge of the King's Mountain battleground, seeing how impossible it is for me to perform the trust; but I do not think the plan you propose would be strictly legal. Possibly the legislatures of the two states—(North and South Carolina) can solve the difficulty—possibly the latter alone can do it. I do not think a better or more appropriate repository of the trust can be found than the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for what they cannot do themselves, they can always make the sons do. To meet the present issue, could I not appoint you or some member of your organization to act as my agent? Ask your lawyer friends about this.

As to my co-trustees, I can tell nothing except that several are dead. Captain W. T. R. Bell, who had charge of most of the records, went to Texas several years ago, and I have lost track of him. Mr. A. E. I do not appoint you or Rock Hill, and Judge Witherspoon may be able to give you some information.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, ASBURY COWARD.

What the ladies will do in the circumstances will probably not develop until the next regular monthly meeting of the chapter; but it is pretty safe to predict that they will not stop where they are. Already there has been talk of appealing to the general assembly, and it is quite probable that before a great while there will be a call for private subscriptions with which to do something toward taking better care of the property until matters can be gotten in a more satisfactory shape.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

The burning out of a wire in the dynamo resulted in the lighting of oil lamps throughout town Thursday night. The mishap was repaired by 10 o'clock p. m.

The deposits in the Loan and Savings bank are in the neighborhood of \$90,000. This would indicate that Yorkville is in pretty good shape to go through the summer.

Hobbs and Company, of the Parlor

Grocery, have arranged to deliver ice in quantities of from one pound up, at 75 cents a hundred pounds, the customers, of course, being expected to buy tickets. Prices are much higher than this even in New York city.

The Lowryville baseball team, consisting of nine unusually fine looking young men, came up yesterday morning to give the Yorkville team a round during the afternoon. Preparations were being made for the game as THE ENQUIRER went to press, and to say that the Yorkville boys were rather uneasy about the result, is not putting the case any stronger than was warranted by such talk as the reporter could hear.

Replies so far received to the invitations sent out, indicate that the attendance of the surviving members of the original Jasper Light Infantry, on the special services to be held in the Presbyterian church tomorrow, (Sunday) morning, will be quite general. It is understood, of course, that the public generally has an invitation to participate on the occasion, and that the congregation will be treated to a most interesting sermon goes without saying.

Mr. W. E. Neely died at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Hoag, out at the York Cotton mills, on Thursday, and was buried at Allison Creek yesterday. He was 53 years of age. He had been in bad health for several years, and was a great sufferer from rheumatism. His death was due to complications following an attack of grip. He was unmarried; but leaves an aged mother to mourn his death.

THE ENQUIRER has called attention to the fact more than once before; but nevertheless it remains a curious fact that wagon team freight rates between Charlotte and Yorkville, a distance of thirty miles, is lower than the railroad freight rates. The freight on a grain drill from Charlotte to Yorkville by rail, for instance, is \$4.00. Messrs. Glenn & Allison made a contract a few days ago with the York Implement company to deliver four such drills in Yorkville from Charlotte for \$7, a saving of \$9 on railroad prices. It would seem from this that the usefulness of the mule team as a common carrier has not yet departed.

Mr. M. L. Carroll has entered into co-partnership with Mr. J. H. Riddle, and hereafter the business will be conducted under the firm name of Riddle & Carroll. Mr. Carroll, who has just returned from Baltimore, assumed entire charge on yesterday, and from now on is in position to look after the interests of the numerous friends of the firm. Mr. W. M. Propst, who has had temporary charge of the books of the firm, has retired to give his entire attention to the insurance business; but Mr. "Tod" Lowry remains as head clerk. Mr. Carroll has had considerable experience in the mercantile business and his many friends are glad to welcome him back as a permanent citizen of Yorkville.

The advertising man with his automobile departed early Thursday morning for Charlotte. During Wednesday afternoon he treated several citizens to the experience of a ride on the novel machine. In answer to questions about the speed of the automobile he said that the first limit was the nerve of the man at the lever. He was satisfied that he could travel at the rate of from 30 to 35 miles an hour; but he was not willing to risk anything of the kind on unfamiliar roads. He did not appear, however, to be much of an enthusiast on the subject of the horseless carriage. He has had several breakdowns in out of the way places and been subjected to considerable hardships on account of them. For ordinary travel through the country, therefore, he thinks a pair of good horses are preferable. The soap company that sought this means of advertising will no doubt realize good returns from its investment.

LOCAL LACONICS.

Until January 1st, 1901. THE TWICE-A-WEEK ENQUIRER, filled with the latest and most reliable news, will be furnished from the date of this issue until January 1, 1901, for \$1.26.

The Citadel Academy. THE ENQUIRER is in receipt of a neat circular of information just gotten out about the Citadel academy. The circular tells the whole story of this most capital school, and is just what prospective patrons require.

The Work Completed. Chief of Police Love, who had business at the battleground last Thursday, reports that the chaingang has completed the work recently indicated by Supervisor Culp. A road has been cut through the underbrush to the top of the mountain, and the space of an acre cleared off immediately around the monument near the top. Mr. Love says the work has been done in a very satisfactory manner.

The Welcome Rain. The rain of Thursday night was most welcome in these parts, and especially gratifying is the warm weather following. From reports received it appears that the rain was quite general, and the water courses were high out of their banks yesterday morning.